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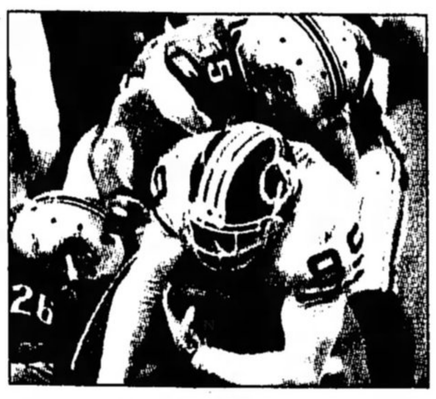
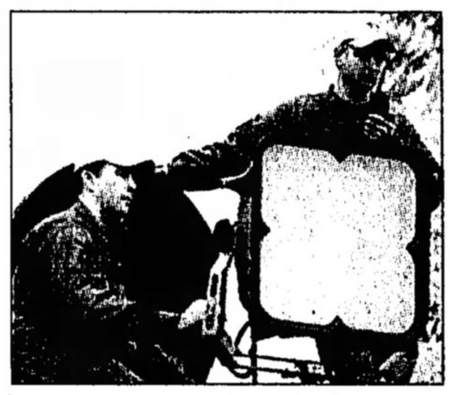


Foote seeks revenge

Larry Foote wants to show and tell the Steelers what they're missing. **4B**



Sound machine defended

Police said a device used during the G-20 summit is not a sound cannon. **3A**

Rendell inks budget

There were no signs of celebration in the capital after the long impasse ended.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG – On the 101st day of a historic impasse, Gov. Ed Rendell Friday night signed a $27.8 billion state budget that critics say propels Pennsylvania toward another deficit without any financial cushion.

His signature came after the Senate, by a 42-7 margin, approved a House-passed budget.

No signs of celebration emerged in the Capitol, which withstood the longest budget debate since at least 1970. Rendell signed the bill privately, rather than in a public ceremony, he said, because the "delay was unconscionable."

"We can balance next year's budget, as well as this one, assuming no further dramatic downturn in the economy," Rendell said.

"Pretending Pennsylvania's fiscal situation is fine does not make it so," said Rep. Tim Krieger, R-Hempfield. "Despite the declarations of the governor and the legislative leaders who brokered this unsustainable deal, the revenue projections driving this budget are pure fantasy.

"Without a doubt, passage of this budget ensures that Pennsylvania will face a significant deficit next year."

Even a supporter, House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, through spokeswoman Johnna Pro, called the budget "nothing more than a Band-Aid." Evans, a Democrat from Philadelphia, believes lawmakers needed to increase the personal income tax to stabilize state budgets for years.

One major issue in the

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Affordable jack-o'-lantern pizzas are great Halloween treats for both adults and children. **11-12A**

Ay Carumba!

Marge Simpson has done something Homer might not approve of but will make Bart the proudest kid in his school. **5A**

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Ringgold edged

Chartiers Valley spoiled homecoming for Ringgold.

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Yough	13
Frazier	21
Burgettstown	20
Bentworth	13
Serra	0
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MONDAY

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Jimson mix leads to reefer sadness

Several Cal U students fell ill after blending the toxic weed with marijuana.

By JENNIFER REEGER
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Some California University of Pennsylvania students who fell ill after smoking marijuana this week can blame their illness on another type of weed.

The students smoked marijuana laced with jimson weed, a toxic plant that grows freely throughout the region, which is abused for its hallucinogenic properties.

The students, who numbered fewer than 10, first went to the university's health center seeking treatment for side effects, including rapid heartbeat. They were later sent to a hospital as a precaution, Cal U spokeswoman Angela Burrows said.

University officials sent a warning e-mail out to students, faculty and staff Thursday after a few students exhibited symptoms associated with jimson weed use.

"The whole objective behind that was to just let students know about the seriousness and to prevent other students from getting into this situation and experiencing these symptoms," Burrows said. "It was really a preventative measure we were taking."

Use of the plant by people looking for hallucinogenic highs usually peaks in the fall, when the plant's seed pods are mature, said Edward P. Krenzelok, director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center and Drug Information Center.

The opportunistic plant grows

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Jete Meade, right, was named Ringgold homecoming queen Friday when the Rams played Chartiers Valley. She was crowned by 2009 queen Taia James.

Finance protection sought

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce opposes the Obama initiative.

By JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama fought to keep his proposed banking overhaul on track Friday, casting the political struggle ahead as one between big financial interests and average Americans victimized by complex or unscrupulous financial transactions.

The president illustrated his call for a consumer finance agency by showcasing five unwitting borrowers and bank customers whose troubles ranged from massive overdraft fees to unwanted interest-only mortgages.

"My concern are the millions of Americans who behaved responsibly and yet still found themselves in jeopardy because of the predatory practices of some in the financial industry," Obama said from the East Room of the White House.

Taking time out of a day overshadowed by his Nobel Peace Prize award, Obama confronted opponents, singling out the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which is conducting a $2 million advertising and organizing effort to defeat the consumer plan.

"They're doing what they always do – descending on Congress and using every bit of influence they have to maintain a status quo that has maximized their profits at the expense of American consumers," Obama said of his critics.

The proposed consumer agency is a central element of a package of financial regulatory changes the administration says would prevent crisis like the one that brought Wall Street to its knees last year.

Critics such as the Chamber of Commerce have said the consumer agency is unnecessary and would impose restrictions even on retailers.

"We disagree that adding a new agency atop a broken regulatory system solves the problem or closes regulatory gaps," David Hirschmann, head of the chamber's Center for Capital

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Marilyn Forbes/For The Valley Independent

Jessica Wilson was named 2009 Frazier homecoming queen prior to the Commodores' game Friday against Burgettstown. Jim Kline is her escort.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Taylor Kudlik, right, the 2009 California Area High School homecoming queen, receives her crown from 2008 queen Jenna Marie Thompson.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Florida Republican off target with shot at opponent's initials

Robert Lowry said it started out as a joke but ended up a mistake.

By The Associated Press

MIAMI – A South Florida Republican said it was a mistake to shoot at a target with the initials of the Democratic congresswoman he is trying to unseat.

Candidate Robert Lowry made a brief statement to a local newspaper but refused to speak further Friday about the incident, which happened Tuesday during a weekly GOP meeting held at a gun range.

Organizer Ed Napolitano defended the gathering, as well as the use of targets that appeared to be gunmen with traditional Arab head scarves.

"That's our right," said Napolitano, president of the Southeast Broward Republican Club. "If we want to shoot at targets that look like that, we're going to go ahead and do that."

Lowry declined to comment to The Associated Press. He initially told the South Florida Sun Sentinel that shooting at a target with the letters "DWS" – a not-so-veiled reference to Democratic U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz – was a "joke," but then said it "was a mistake."

His campaign manager, Chris Leggatt, said Friday: "I don't think we need to make any further comment about it. It's an issue that's been addressed."

Wasserman Schultz, who made headlines earlier this year when she announced she had been secretly battling breast cancer, represents a liberal district that includes a stretch of South Florida from Fort Lauderdale to Miami Beach. She is expected to easily win re-election, though Lowry and three other GOP candidates are vying to face her.

The congresswoman declined to comment. A spokesman, Jonathan Beeton, said "We didn't feel that behavior dignified a response."

Both Lowry and Napolitano said they were unsure who scrawled "DWS" on the target the candidate fired at during the event, which attracted about 50 people.

Many of the targets were basic silhouettes, though others were figures wearing traditional Arab head scarves, called kaffiyeh, and holding rocket-propelled grenades. Napolitano said the faces of those figures appeared to be white, though he understood why they would be assumed to be Arabs. He said critics of the event are simply angry that a Republican minority continues to exist in such an overwhelmingly Democratic area.

"I absolutely have no regrets. I don't care what the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee or any of them say – I know that they're offended by the simple fact that we're here and we won't go away and we won't be quiet," he said.

"For the Democrats, who are supposed to be the party of minority rights, they're not being very sensitive to our rights."

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Yesteryear

Pictured in 1961 at the bridal shower of Tena Pascarella are Maria Katsuleris Sepe and Tena Pascaralla Brovey. The photo was submitted by the bride's father, Ralph Pascaralla, of Monessen.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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Sadness (FROM PAGE ONE)

throughout the region. Its seeds often travel by wind or bird and the plant can grow anywhere, even in sidewalk cracks.

"I've seen it in places where you can't imagine – in front of a restaurant, in vacant parking lots. It's on Mount Washington in a million different places."

Use usually wanes after people discover the "high" they're looking for comes with side effects, including a racing heartbeat, dry mouth, dilated pupils, flushed skin or even a fever, constipation and difficulty with urination.

"Enough students find out that it's not good, and the process usually stops pretty rapidly," Krenzelok said.

That apparently happened at Cal U, where Burrows said no students had sought treatment since the warning e-mail went out.

"It's really called a really unpleasurable high by most people," Krenzelok said.

"That's a quote I've heard from a number of people. As people smoke them or ingest the seeds, they are going to have varying degrees of troublesome side effects before they get to the hallucination."

While the students at Cal U apparently mixed dried jimson weed leaves with marijuana, people often ingest the plant's seeds, which hold the highest concentration of two drugs, atropine and scopolamine, Krenzelok said.

The drugs have a variety of uses in mainstream medicine, he said.

In 35 years of working in poison control, Krenzelok said he has never seen a jimson weed fatality. In 15 years of data collected by the American Association of Poison Control Centers, five deaths were attributed to use of the plant, he said.

But, he added, the hallucinogenic effects certainly could land people in dangerous situations.

"I don't want to encourage it," he said. "We get a number of kids in emergency departments that are very sick."

Finance (FROM PAGE ONE)

Markets Competitiveness, said in a statement issued before the White House event.

The chamber defended its lobbying efforts.

"It is our constitutional right to petition our government on behalf of our members, the millions of businesses trying to make their way out of this recession," said Thomas Collamore, a chamber senior vice president.

The stepped-up White House campaign comes days before a key House committee begins assembling some of the main components of a regulatory bill.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, who met Friday with Obama in the White House, has called a meeting of his committee Wednesday to take up the creation of a Consumer Finance Protection Agency as well as new regulations on complex instruments known as derivatives.

Eager to put a face on the dry and complex subject of financial regulations, the president met with five individuals who had financial transactions go awry. Obama said the four women and one man were victimized by outdated regulations.

"I was caught in a debt trap," said Patricia Nelson, a 64-year-old Waukesha, Wis., retired nursing home worker who said she ended up paying $2,700 in interest on a $550 loan from payday lenders.

The White House seemed particularly eager to pick a fight with the Chamber of Commerce, which has challenged Obama not only on financial regulations, but also on health care and on climate change policies.

White House officials want to cast the chamber as being out of touch and particularly vulnerable now, as a number of high-profile companies have resigned their membership over the climate change issue.

In his push to pass regulatory changes, Obama and his administration also have been remarkably hands-on.

The administration drafted its own proposed legislation.

This week, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner met with House Democrats, including Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., in the latest of several administration sessions with lawmakers to press the case for an overhaul.

The effort, especially the proposal for a consumer agency, has met with stiff resistance from the chamber, which has run radio and television ads against the president's consumer effort, and from community banks that have been buttonholing members of Congress in their home districts to eliminate the consumer agency.

Frank, in an interview Friday with the Associated Press, predicted that passage of a consumer agency in the House was "very likely." But he indicated the final legislation will not go as far as the Obama administration wishes.

"There are some sensible compromises we can make," Frank said.

One of the key sticking points has been the administration's call for states to be able to override federal consumer regulations with their own tougher requirements. Banks complain that would subject them to myriad different rules.

Frank indicated that a middle ground could allow states to enact regulations covering emerging consumer issues that are not addressed in federal law.

"Do we want to say, if a new pattern that comes up that's abusive, that states can't intervene?" he asked.

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

protracted arguments was coming up with a two-year budget, and Evans said he believes it will hold up next year.

Sen. Jay Costa, of Forest Hills, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, maintained: "We will not be in a deficit position next year."

The spending plan avoids increases in income and sales taxes, in part by tapping $755 million from the state's savings account, $100 million from a fund physicians pay into for malpractice insurance and $708 million from the Health Care Provider Retention Account, funded by cigarette taxes to subsidize malpractice premiums in higher-risk medical practices.

"We're cleaning out every crumb in the cupboard," said Rep. Sam Rohrer, R-Berks County.

He contended the budget "will immediately go into a deficit position the day after it passes. The revenue remains overstated."

Costa, insisting it is a two-year budget, made no guarantees for the 2011-12 budget, saying much depends on when the economy rebounds.

The use of doctors' funds – which is the subject of a lawsuit pending in Commonwealth Court – amounts to larceny and fits the legal definition of embezzlement, said Rep. Curt Schroder, R-Chester County.

"They paid into the fund for insurance coverage," he warned. "The state is taking it for a different purpose."

A $3.2 billion deficit drove the impasse that began June 30, when a 2009-10 budget was required by state law.

"A $3.2 billion shortfall does not bring with it any easy choices," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Mellow, D-Lackawanna County.

"There is no ideal budget in this economic climate. The final budget ... made some painful cuts and reflected the extreme fiscal problems we face as a result of the downturn in the economy."

The budget is approximately $400 million less than the previous year's.

Even so, it commits an additional $300 million to public education, a 5.7 percent increase, Mellow said.

On at least one point, Evans' office agreed with some of the more conservative House Republicans.

"We said all along it wasn't wise to base a budget on one-time uses of revenue," Pro said.

Because most Republicans would not vote for higher taxes, their complaint about dipping into reserve accounts "rings hollow," said House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne County.

The budget includes a tax code bill that raises business taxes and hikes cigarette taxes by 25 cents per pack.

The entire package isn't complete. The budget relies on $200 million from legalizing table games, and the House and Senate haven't reconciled differences. As a result, Eachus said the House will set aside action on separate legislation funding Pitt, Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities until table games bill is approved.

Krieger said state government has participated in "an unprecedented orgy of spending during the past several years."

He said Rendell and legislative leaders in both parties "in various degrees perpetrated the status quo in Harrisburg, where unsustainable taxes, spending and borrowing are substitutes for real economic growth

Valley briefs

Monessen woman faces arson trial

A Monessen woman accused of setting a bedroom on fire in May faces a trial.

Lori L. Vince-Thomas, 43, of 413 Forest St., is charged with arson, recklessly endangering another person, criminal mischief and giving false reports to police stemming from the May 18 fire at 108 Knox Ave.

She waived her right to a preliminary hearing Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, state police Fire Marshall Shaun Jones, of the Washington barracks, determined the fire was set in Virgil J. Walker's apartment bedroom.

On May 21, Jones interviewed Vince-Thomas, who said she had "no idea" how the fire started, according to the affidavit. She eventually confessed she started the fire by setting Walker's clothes on fire, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit states Vince-Thomas told Jones she and Walker had an argument and that she "retaliated." The damage was $3,000.

In addition to Vince-Thomas, three other people were at the residence when the fire started. No one was injured.

Offices closed on Columbus Day

Federal and state offices and courts will be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

The Postal Service will not deliver mail, but collection times from post offices will be normal. Express mail will be delivered.

Liquor stores will be open. Banks will be closed except for some grocery store branches.

Paving begins in N. Belle Vernon

A paving and milling project in North Belle Vernon will begin Tuesday.

There will be no parking on Speer, Arch, Grant, Baltimore, Locust, Vernon and Ella Streets beginning at midnight Tuesday and continuing through the paving project.

The project previously had been postponed.

Vehicles on the streets when the project begins early Tuesday morning will be towed at the owner's expense.

Jasmine Goldband /For The Valley Independent

Pittsburgh SWAT officers Justin Lapaglia, left, and Jeff Garris demonstrate the acoustic and audio recording device with the LRAD at the North Side headquarters.

Police claim long-range hailing system kept low

The device developed a bad reputation during the G-20 summit.

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Pittsburgh police stuck to the lowest volume setting on a long-range hailing system they used to order protesters to disperse during the Group of 20 summit in Pittsburgh, SWAT team officers said during a demonstration of the device this week.

Known as the Long Range Acoustic Device, or LRAD, police officers turned the highly focused loudspeaker on a group of reporters and television cameras gathered in the police headquarters parking lot for a demonstration.

"There's some misnomers in the media right now that this device here is somehow a sonic cannon, intended to hurt people," said SWAT Officer Steve Mescan, a city police officer for 15 years.

"It's actually a speaker that delivers an intended message to an intended group of people to disperse an area."

The LRAD has three volume levels: green, yellow and red. Mescan said police have been trained to not increase the volume beyond the safe, green level.

"We always stay in the green area," he said.

Police can program the LRAD to broadcast high-pitched warble repeatedly. The voice that people hear is computerized. It can make announcements in Spanish and other languages.

City officials originally pegged the cost of buying four of the devices with a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant at roughly $200,000.

Ray DeMichiei, city deputy director of emergency services, however, put the cost at $101,000.

City and county SWAT teams will each get two LRADs.

One will remain in the city's Ballistic Engineered Armored Response vehicle – better known as the BEAR – for use during protests and standoff situations, Mescan said.

The device can be mounted atop the BEAR. From there, it sends out a loud stream of sound 30 degrees wide.

It is effective to roughly 330 yards, but can be heard at greater distances. Police bought the devices to deal with protesters during the G-20 summit, but they will have other uses.

Police used it yesterday to order residents of Saranac Street in Beechview to stay in their homes during a standoff with a gunman who killed himself.

Before the G-20, police used the LRAD to order a man holed up in a home in Beltzhoover to surrender, Mescan said.

Condo group: Stormwater system might drain budget

The Rostraver commissioners said residents at the complex once spurned township involvement.

By JEFF PIKULSKY
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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – Members of the Cedar Hills Condominium Association claim maintenance of a planned stormwater system at their development might be too much to handle.

The residents delivered that message this week to the township commissioners.

The eighth and final phase of a $25 million project – begun in 1996 by Jim Kelly, of New Belle Construction Inc. in Belle Vernon – involves the construction of 22 units at the site, bringing the total units to 114.

The condominium association members split the cost of its $240,000 budget.

They would have to bear the cost of cleaning and maintaining a complex stormwater system included in Phase 8, a cost association member Joyce Grenci told the commissioners would be overbearing.

Grenci said 13 inlets leading to the underground system would have to be cleaned routinely, and costs would be even more if the system needs serviced below ground.

Association member Gabe Costa said parts of the proposed system would be located beneath residents' driveways.

"If anything went wrong, we would have to tear up our driveways," Costa said.

Grenci said the association was denied input on the Phase 8 proposal.

"Why this particular system?" she asked the board. "It's a very complex system. Why would he choose that system over a system of simple piping? This system is committing us to a logistical and financial nightmare. It adds thousands of dollars to our annual budget."

Township Engineer Carl Deicas said the type of drainage system was up to Kelly, as long as it complied with township requirements.

Board Chairman Nick Lorenzo said the association had a chance four years ago to have the township take over the roads.

The commissioners wanted Kelly to construct phases 7 and 8 according to township guidelines.

Lorenzo said the association, at that time, preferred not to have the township involved.

"It's not like this board didn't want to do something, because I was involved in wanting to take it over," Lorenzo said. "It came back that your association wanted no parts of your roads to be public. You wanted to have a private association."

Commissioner Brian Sokol said that because the most current phases were constructed differently, the township might not be able to take them over or use state money to care for the drainage system.

"We did receive a letter from your association stating that they would never want us to have these roads," Sokol said.

"There are setbacks that don't meet our specs out there. I do not think there is any light at the end of the tunnel.

"That's my own personal opinion, and I hope I'm wrong for your sake. If there's any way to help you, I'll certainly engage in that, but I just don't think there is a possibility."

The association members and commissioners agreed to meet on the matter.

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Roscoe native Buchanan mulls run for Congress

PITTSBURGH (AP) – The head the Allegheny County Republican Party said Pittsburgh-based U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan is mulling a run for Congress.

Jim Roddey said Buchanan remains in the "exploratory phase."

Roddey estimated that challenging Democratic U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire would cost at least $1 million.

Buchanan, a Roscoe native and California University of Pennsylvania graduate, didn't return calls to her cell phone from The Associated Press on Friday. Buchanan is in Washington, D.C., this week.

The 46-year-old prosecutor has been U.S. attorney since September 2001. She lives in the upscale suburb of Fox Chapel.

President Barack Obama is expected to replace Buchanan soon, along with other federal prosecutors remaining from the Bush administration.

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BARBER – James E. Barber, 52, of Roscoe, on Thursday, Oct. 8. Ed Melenyzer Funeral Homes Inc., Roscoe.*

OLIPHANT – Larry L. Oliphant, 68, of Belle Vernon, on Tuesday, Oct. 6.*

PAPPAS – Jean W. (Michaloski) Pappas, 82, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of Washington County, Pa., on Saturday, Oct. 3.*

QUATTRO – Mary E. Quattro, 66, of Ellsworth, on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Greenlee Funeral Home, Bentleyville.*

ULANDER – Louise B. Ulander, 88, of West Newton, on Thursday, Oct. 8. J. William McCauley Jr. Funeral Home Inc., West Newton.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS

CAMPBELL, Roberta M.*

STANLEY, Vra M.*

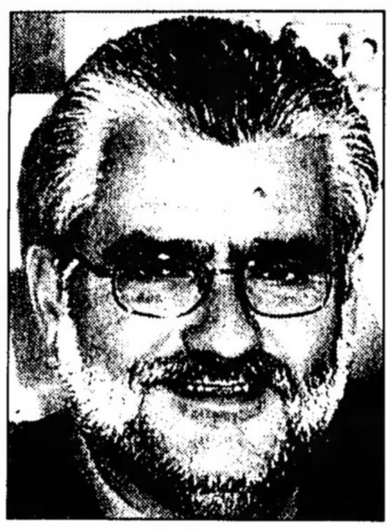
* See death notice

Roberta M. Campbell

Monessen

Roberta M. Campbell, 67, of Monessen, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Havre, Mont., a daughter of the late Samuel and Betty Davey Carpenter. She worked as a unit clerk for Mon Valley Hospital Inc., prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Charleroi. Surviving are her husband, Julian "Chip" W. Campbell; two sons, James McLaughlin, of California, and Joel McLaughlin, of Florida; the following stepchildren: Patty and husband Tom Gould of Washington, Pa.; Allison and husband Michael Richards of Michigan City, Ind.; Roberta Campbell of Indiana; Julian W. "Jay" Campbell of Chesterton, Ind.; Michael W. and wife Lisa Campbell of Westville, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and siblings Victor and wife Julia Carpenter of Hoven, S.D., Tanya and husband Wally Berry of Great Falls, Mont., Pamela Rausch of Boise, Idaho, and Patsy Tangen of Great Falls, Mont. She was preceded in death by her stepson, W. Douglas Campbell; and two grandchildren, Brianne Campbell and Aaron Gould. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen, family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, where friends will be received on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Rev. James Linn officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.



James E. Barber

Roscoe

James E. Barber, 52, of Roscoe, passed away unexpectedly in the emergency room at Monongahela Valley Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009. Born in Roscoe on Nov. 2, 1956, he is the son of Jim and Stef (Muzina) Barber, of Roscoe. A graduate of California High School Class of 1974, Jim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was a Eucharistic minister and also a member of American Legion Post 801. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Colleen (Lilly) Barber; his sons, Stephen and Matthew, of Roscoe; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Chrissy Barber, of Jacksonville, Fla.; nieces, Olivia and Emily Barber and Caitlynn Warren; nephew, Nick Warren; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Cathleen and John Warren; his godmother, Marie Bafile; and numerous aunts and uncles. Friends will be received 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the MELENYZER-DUBARR FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 1008 Furlong Ave., Roscoe. A Blessing service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the funeral home, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, with Rev. George Moneck officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Coal Center. On-line condolences will be accepted on the funeral home Web site, www.melenyzer-dubarr.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Vra Mae Stanley

Belle Vernon

Vra Mae Stanley, 84, of Belle Vernon, was called home to be with the Lord on Oct. 7, 2009. Born Oct. 12, 1924, in Centerville, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Susie and Daniel Haney. In addition to her parents, Vra was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Stanley Sr.; three children, Leroy A. Stanley Jr., Ervin DeLance Stanley and Susie Elaine Stanley; and three siblings, William Haney, John (J.W.) Haney and Eddie Pearl Robinson. Vra migrated north in the late 1930's, settling in Beaver Falls with her parents, along with her brothers and sister. She graduated from the Poro Beauty Academy, after which she secured employment in Monessen, where she met her beloved late husband, Leroy Stanley Sr. They shared 48 years of marriage, six children and one adopted daughter. Vra was a lifelong member of Antioch Baptist Church, where she served as president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, superintendent and teacher of the Sunday School and a member of the choir. She was the mother of the YWBA, past president of the Women's Home in Foreign Mission Convention, treasurer of the Ushers Convention, a teacher and registrar for the Congress of Christian Education, president of the Faculty Club, served on the finance committee for the Lott Carey Convention, was an active member of the Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 344 O.E.S.P.H.A. and a member of the Mon Valley N.A.A.C.P., serving on the executive board. She is survived by her loving children, Daniel F. Stanley of Hampton, Va., Gwendolyn Stanley and Vera Lorraine Stanley, both of Belle Vernon; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Stahl-Stanley of Arizona; an adopted daughter, Stephanie Workman of North Carolina; a brother, Roddy (Vivian) Haney of Warner Robins, Ga.; sisters-in-law, Earlean Stanley-Grogan of Temple Hills, Md., and Dorothy Stanley of Pittsburgh; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; other relatives and friends. Family and friends will be received on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church, 945 Henry St., Belle Vernon, where funeral services will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Clifford Carter officiating the Homegoing Celebration. Interment will take place at the Mon Valley Memorial Park in Donora. Arrangements have been entrusted to the BEVERLY C. DRAPER FUNERAL HOME INC., 608 Sixth St., Monessen (724) 684-6242.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ethel (Bukosky) Anthony

Uniontown

Formerly of Monongahela

Ethel (Bukosky) Anthony, 87, of Uniontown, formerly of Donora, a hard-working mother and deeply spiritual woman, was called home on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at Uniontown Hospital in Uniontown, Pa. Ethel practiced her faith and fervently believed in the power of self sacrifice. She was born Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1922, in Monongahela, Pa., the daughter of Walenty and Rose (Dinsick) Bukosky. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Elaine Anthony, of Irwin, Pa.; two sisters, Cecelia Hilinski, of Bedford, Ohio, and Bernice Bukosky, of Kankakee, Ill.; grandchildren, Brad and Becky Anthony, of Las Vegas, and Robert R. Anthony, of San Clemente, Calif.; and a great grandson, Evan Reid Anthony. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora, Pa, (724) 379-7000, where prayers will be recited 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dominic Church of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora, with Rev. Father Pierre Falkenhan as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township, Pa. In the sorrow of our loss, family and friends find solace in our belief that grandma is finally enjoying the reward she prayed so hard to attain - eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Larry L. Oliphant

Belle Vernon

Larry L. Oliphant, 68, of Belle Vernon, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009. He was born Aug. 11, 1941, a son of the late Charles and Ellen Oliphant. He is the father of Rosemarie and Cheryl (husband Kenneth) Iselin of Ohio; grandfather of Kelsey; brother of Lorraine Vercoe, of Roscoe, and Charles (Retta) Oliphant, of Florida; and has numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held at Faulhaber Funeral Home in Broadview Heights, Ohio, on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009. Chapel services will be in the Belle Vernon Cemetery on Monday, Oct.12, 2009, at 3 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Jean W. (Michaloski) Pappas

Westerville, Ohio

Formerly of Washington County, Pa.

Jean W. Michaloski Pappas, 82, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of the Washington County area, died Oct. 3, 2009. She was born on Jan. 30, 1927, in North Charleroi, a daughter of the late Andrew and Teresa Michaloski. Jean was a homemaker before becoming employed as a secretary in the Washington County Commissioners' office, and later worked as a tipstaff/secretary for the Washington County Court of Common Pleas. Jean is survived by her children, Deborah (Dale) Kimball of Columbus, Ohio, and Donald Kalamas of Nelsonville, Ohio; daughter-in-law Joan (David) Kalamas; grandchildren, Christopher Kalamas of Nelsonville,Ohio, and Jennifer Kalamas of Plano, Texas; a sister Blanche (Edward) Paluso, of Charleroi; and a sister-in-law, Gerry (Henry) Michaloski, of North Charleroi. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Pappas Sr.;a son, David Kalamas; and siblings, Stephen Michaels, Theresa Werlwas, Henry Michaloski, and Helen Jozefczyk. A memorial service will be held Monday, Oct. 12, at the Taucher Funeral Home, 23 Erie Mine Road, Burgettstown, where friends will be received beginning at 1 p.m., with a blessing service to follow at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Bob Staszewski officiating. Interment will be in Columbus, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations be sent to the Ataxia Foundation, 2600 Fernbrook Lane, Suite 119, Minneapolis, Minn., 55447.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary E. Quattro

Ellsworth

Mary E. Quattro, 66, of Ellsworth, Pa., died Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, in UPMC Presbyterian Hospital. She was born Jan. 15, 1943, in Millsboro, Pa., a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Brogini Campise. Mrs. Quattro was a 1961 graduate of Jefferson-Morgan High School. She was a homemaker and also a cook-waitress at the Bentleyville Truck Stop for 10 years until its closing. She was an avid Steeler fan who also enjoyed cooking. Above all, she cherished spending time with her grandchildren, who adored her. She and her beloved cat, Princess, were well known by her neighbors for their visits. Mrs. Quattro was a current member and former past president of the Ladies Auxillary of Eagles in Bentleyville, Pa. She is survived by three daughters, Tina M. Naylor and Tami Mals, both of Washington, Pa., and Terrie L. Means, of Pittsburgh; one son, Frank A. Bellantoni Jr. (Lisa), of Fallowfield; one brother, Anthony DeMarco (Barbara), of New York; two sisters, Louise Birosh (William), of DuBois, Pa. and Josephine Bliss, of the state of Washington; four grandchildren, Ashley L. Naylor, Michael A. Naylor, Taylor O. Mals, and Christopher L. Bellantoni; one great grandchild, McKenna A. Naylor; former husband, Robert Means; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Rosemarie Burwell; five brothers, Richard, Joseph, Sonny, Samuel, and Ernie Campise; and two former husbands, Frank A. Bellantoni and George W. Quattro. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, in the GREENLEE FUNERAL HOME, 619 Main St., Bentleyville. with Rev. William LaVelle officiating. Interment will be private and held at the convenience of the family. An online guest book and personal condolences may be accessed at www.GreenleeFuneralHome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Louise B. Ulander

West Newton

Louise B. Ulander, 88, of West Newton, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009. She was born April 24, 1921, in Monessen, a daughter of the late O.K. and Ada L. (Haines) Hartbarger. She was a graduate of Rostraver High School and business college. For 23 years, she was employed in Pittsburgh as a legal secretary, as well as administrative secretary to the National Association of Real Estate License Law Officials. She is survived by three children, Keith B. Ulander, Dee Dee Ulander; Greg E. Ulander and wife, Barbara; and Susan L. Celapino and husband, Jack, all of West Newton; six grandchildren, Chad Ulander, Gwen Lawrenzi and husband Jeff, Tiffany Bacha and husband Chad, Ryan Ulander and wife Amy, Jason Celapino and wife Trinity, and Shalyn Celapino; and 10 great-grandchildren, Brittany and Brianne Ulander, Shelby Lawrenzi, Cody and Blake Ulander, Aubrey Louise and Austin Bacha, Hannah and Emily Celapino, and Alina Celapino. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Budd G. Ulander, in 1995; and a sister, Opal M. Upton. Friends will be received from 12 to 2 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday in the J. WILLIAM McCAULEY JR. FUNERAL HOME INC., West Newton, where a funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Bobbie Hineline officiating. Interment will be in West Newton Cemetery.<P> In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Excela Health Home Care & Hospice, 134 Industrial Park Road, Suite 1600, Greensburg, PA 15601. www.mccauleyfuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

In Memory of

Denise Persico

A Birthday Tribute today, October 10th, 2009, in loving memory of our beloved daughter, sister & aunt, **Denise Persico**, who would have been 40 years old.

If only you could be with us on this your special day, we'd all be at home with you to celebrate your birthday.

But since God took you from us all up to the Heavens so blue, we hope you hear all of us now singing "Happy Birthday" to you.

Sadly missed and loved by Mom & Dad, John, Marlene, Jeffrey, Brenda & Debbie, Nieces & Nephews.

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Good deed carries price for Levin

Levin Furniture will pay a price for a good deed.

In March, the retailer allowed the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society to use an empty warehouse in Monroeville to store discarded electronic equipment gathered in fundraisers. But the recycling company, EarthEcycle of Tulsa, Okla., never took care of the waste.

So Smithton-based Levin next week will pay about $24,000 for another recycler to remove the junk.

EarthEcycle was to pay $150,000 to the humane society for the right to recycle the waste. It never did.

The Environment Protection Agency cited EarthEcycle in June for improperly shipping e-waste from Pittsburgh to Hong Kong without notifying the EPA. The case is pending.

Improper handling of hazardous materials – such as lead in TV tubes and mercury in computer equipment – can cause birth defects and brain damage in children.

Jeffrey Nixon, EarthEcycle's president, declined to comment.

Levin has hired Al GreenSpan Computer Recycling Inc. of Sharpsburg to remove the remaining e-waste.

DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso

Monessen

The following appeared Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen, for preliminary hearings:

■ Lamont D. Byrd, 50, of 1133 McMahon Ave., Monessen; charged with terroristic threats July 18 at 1209 Reservoir Ave. The charge was waived to court.

Charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia stemming from a July 30 incident at 100 Third St., Monessen, were withdrawn.

He also was charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct Aug. 22 for allegedly assaulting Jessica Martin. Those charges were dismissed.

A charge of habitual offenders-driving under suspension on Aug. 28 was waived to court.

■ A warrant was issued for George Brumley, 41, of 505 Park Manor, Monessen, on charges of habitual offenders-driving under suspension and careless driving stemming from an Aug. 29 incident at Grand Boulevard, Monessen. He failed to appear in court.

■ Matthew Hlodan, 20, 88 Pennsylvania Blvd., Monessen; charged with simple assault Sept. 7 for allegedly assaulting Kristen Dunseath. The charge was withdrawn.

■ Matthew McCormick, 34, 431 Motheral Ave., Monessen; charged with simple assault for allegedly assaulting Virginia McNulty Aug. 22 at 333 Manown St., Monessen. The charge was withdrawn.

■ Allan M. Lomax, 19, 324 Oneida Ave., Monessen; charged with aggravated assault and recklessly endangering another person after he allegedly fired two shots from a handgun at Curtis Wade on Aug. 23 at 522 Division Street while Wade was driving by. The case was dismissed.

■ Jason S. Evans, 20, 139 McKean Ave., Charleroi; charged with possession of a controlled substance and public drunkenness Oct. 2 near the Belle Vernon Moose. The charges were waived to court.

■ Shelton A. Payne, 18, of 338 Highland Manor, Monessen; charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia July 2 at 1216 Maple Ave., Monessen. The charges were waived to court.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 10

Today is Saturday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2009. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 10, 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.

On this date:

■ In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.

■ In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Md.

■ In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen launched their overthrow of China's Manchu dynasty.

■ In 1935, George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.

■ In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

■ In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

■ In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, which prohibits the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

■ In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found a week later.)

■ In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

■ In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill authorizing the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

■ **Ten years ago**: Portugal's governing Socialist Party was returned to power by a comfortable margin in a general election. Six college students getting out of their cars or walking along a highway on their way to a fraternity party at Texas A&M University were struck and killed by a pickup truck whose driver had fallen asleep.

■ **Five years ago**: Christopher Reeve, the "Superman" of celluloid who became a quadriplegic after a May 1995 horse riding accident, died in Mount Kisco, N.Y. at age 52. Ken Caminiti, the National League's 1996 MVP who later admitted using steroids during his major league baseball career, died in New York at age 41.

■ **One year ago**: Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announced the government had decided to go forward with a plan to buy a part ownership in a broad array of American banks in response to the financial meltdown. Connecticut's Supreme Court ruled that gay couples had the right to marry, making the state the third behind Massachusetts and California to legalize such unions. An Alaska legislative committee released a report saying Gov. Sarah Palin had violated state ethics laws and abused her power by trying to have her former brother-in-law fired as a state trooper. Finland's ex-president Martti Ahtisaari received the Nobel Peace Prize.

Associated Press

This photo provided by The Citadel shows Luke Sollit, front right, with cadets and other professors at a watch party on the Citadel campus to view a moon mission in which NASA smashed a rocket stage into a moon crater. Sollitt worked at Northrop Grumman Corp. for five years before becoming an assistant professor of physics at the state military college this fall.

Moon crash: Public yawns while scientists celebrate

Fuzzy white flash is all that's created by spacecraft's impact.

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — NASA's great lunar fireworks finale fizzled.

After gearing up for the space agency's much-hyped mission to hurl two spacecraft into the moon, the public turned away from the sky Friday anything but dazzled. Photos and video of the impact showed little more than a fuzzy white flash.

In social media and live television coverage, many people were disappointed at the lack of spectacle. One person even joked that someone hit the pause button in mission control.

Yet scientists involved in the project were downright gleeful. Sure, there were no immediate pictures of spewing plumes of lunar dust that could contain water, but, they say, there was something more important: chemical signatures in light waves. That's the real bonanza, not pictures of geyser-like eruptions of debris, the scientists said.

The mission was executed for "a scientific purpose; not to put on a fireworks display for the public," said space consultant Alan Stern, a former NASA associate administrator for science.

Scientists said the public expected too much. The public groused as if NASA delivered too little.

The divide was as big as a crater.

"We've been brainwashed by Hollywood to expect the money shot, like 'Deep Impact' or when Bruce Willis saves us from a comet," said physicist and television host Michio Kaku, who was not part of the mission. "Science is not done that way."

But Kaku and other experts also faulted NASA for overhyping the mission, not being honest with the public about the images being a longshot. "They should have put Steven Spielberg in charge," Kaku said.

NASA's LCROSS mission — short for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite and pronounced L-Cross — had all the makings of a blockbuster. Its main goal was to look for some form of water on the moon — something that could still turn up in those light wave chemical signatures.

And water on the moon could change NASA's troubled plans for space exploration. It would make revisiting and putting a base on the moon far cheaper because the moon's water could be used, Kaku said.

It was relatively cheap and last-minute by NASA standards: Just $79 million, in about three years. It was elegant in its simplicity. An empty rocket hull that would normally be space junk remained attached to the plucky little LCROSS until pulling away Thursday night. On Friday morning, it smashed into a crater near the moon's south pole.

Then the little satellite flew through what was supposed to be a six-mile plume of dust from the crash, taking pictures and measuring all sorts of stuff, mostly looking for water. Moments after the first crash, the smaller spacecraft itself hit the moon for a second impact.

Nobel Committee defends choice

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When Arizona State University declined to give President Barack Obama an honorary degree, saying it was too early in his presidency, Obama essentially agreed.

"I come to embrace the notion that I haven't done enough in my life," Obama told the class of 2009 last May.

On Friday, the Norwegian Nobel Committee begged to differ.

It stunned the world by awarding Obama the Nobel Peace Prize, citing global optimism fostered by calls for peace and cooperation by a president in office less than nine months. The committee also praised Obama's pledges to reduce the world's cache of nuclear arms, ease American conflicts with Muslim nations and strengthen the U.S. role in combating climate change.

Obama's reaction was about the same as it was in Arizona.

"I do not view it as a recognition of my own accomplishments, but rather as an affirmation of American leadership on behalf of aspirations held by people in all nations," Obama said, casting the prestigious honor in terms grander than himself when he appeared in the Rose Garden several hours after the Nobel committee's announcement.

"To be honest, I do not feel that I deserve to be in the company of so many of the transformative figures who've been honored by this prize — men and women who've inspired me and inspired the entire world through their courageous pursuit of peace," Obama said.

The president said he was accepting the award as a "call to action -- a call for all nations to confront the common challenges of the 21st century," including nuclear weapons, climate change and conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Obama, 48, is the third U.S. president to win the prize while in office, after Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Former President Jimmy Carter won the prize in 2002, more than two decades after he left office.

Obama will travel to Oslo, Norway, in December to accept the award. It comes with a $1.4 million cash prize that White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said Obama will donate to charity. Several charities, yet to be named, are likely to benefit from the windfall, Gibbs said.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Hummer brand sold to Chinese

DETROIT (AP) — Hummer, the off-road vehicle that once epitomized America's love for hulking trucks, is now in the hands of a Chinese heavy equipment maker.

General Motors Co. and Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Corp. finally signed the much-anticipated deal for GM to sell the brand on Friday.

Tengzhong will get an 80 percent stake in the company, while Hong Kong investor Suolang Duoji, who indirectly owns a big stake in Tengzhong through an investment company, will get 20 percent. The investors will also get Hummer's nationwide dealer network.

Financial terms were not disclosed, although a person briefed on the deal said the sale price was around $150 million. The person did not want to be identified because the terms were being kept private. GM's bankruptcy filing last summer said that the brand with military roots could bring in $500 million or more.

Market enjoys best week since July

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market is keeping its momentum going, giving shares their best week in more than two months.

Moderate gains on Friday led by health care and utility companies pushed stocks to a 4 percent gain for the week, their best performance since July. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 78 points, reaching its highest level in a year.

Bond prices tumbled, extending the previous day's losses, as the Treasury market struggled to absorb $71 billion of new supply auctioned off this week in the government's ongoing efforts to fund its stimulus programs.

The market's performance was a fitting way to commemorate the second anniversary of the record highs set by the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which closed at 14,164.53 and 1,565.15 respectively. It was after reaching those milestones that the market began what turned into a cataclysmic slide that ended March 9.

U.N. plane crashes in Haiti

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A surveillance plane assigned to the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti crashed Friday near the border with the Dominican Republic with 6 to 10 military personnel on board, the United Nations said.

U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said the Uruguayan plane went down in rugged terrain west of Fonds-Verrettes.

Rescue teams have been sent to the area on foot, because there are no roads in the area. It was not known whether there were any survivors.

Marge Simpson new Playboy model

CHICAGO (AP) — Ay Carumba! Marge Simpson has done something that Homer might not approve of but will make Bart the proudest kid in his school: She's posed for Playboy magazine.

After more than a half century featuring women like Marilyn Monroe, Cindy Crawford and the Girls of Hooters on its cover, Playboy has for the first time given the spot to a cartoon character.

And the magazine is giving the star of "The Simpsons" the star treatment, complete with a data sheet, an interview and a 2-page centerfold.

The magazine's editorial director, James Jellinek, won't say exactly how much of Marge will show in the November edition that hits newsstands on Oct. 16 — or whether she lets that big pile of blue hair down. But, he said, "It's very, very racy."

But he stressed that the mother of three — the youngest a baby, by the way — has a lot to be proud of.

"She is a stunning example of the cartoon form," he said on Friday at the magazine's headquarters in Chicago, appearing both pleased and surprised at the words coming out of his mouth.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

Nobody wins 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

Lottery officials said 75 players matched four numbers and won $247 each; 2,965 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 33,444 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	7-2-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-8-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	6-8-8-7
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	5-3-5-2
DAY QUINTO:	6-7-2-6-1
NIGHT QUINTO:	2-7-7-0-9
TREASURE HUNT:	06-13-14-16-21
CASH 5:	10-15-20-26-39
SUPER 7:	03-09-21-23-42-46 62-64-67-75-76

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	8-2-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-9-0
DAY PICK 4:	7-3-9-4
NIGHT PICK 4:	5-6-1-2
ROLLING CASH 5:	1-2-4-6-13

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

DAILY 3:	1-6-0
DAILY 4:	3-8-5-8
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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

The Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk will be held today in Charleroi. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with registration at the Charleroi Market House on McKean Avenue, followed by the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. The walk starts 15 minutes later. All proceeds will be used to help patients at the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney-Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

A rebuilt veterans memorial will be unveiled this morning in New Eagle. A dedication ceremony is set for 11 a.m. outside the Ringgold School District administration building. The original memorial was built in 1948 and contained the names of New Eagle residents who served in World War I and II. It has been updated to include veterans of all the wars involving U.S. troops since then.

To Westmoreland County Commissioners for taking steps to reduce the costs of health care at the county prison. A new deal with Naphcare includes a physician's assistant, which will allow more inmates to be treated at the prison rather than area hospitals.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

YOUR OPINION

Beware of meat products

To the Editor:

We've long known that cheese and ice cream aren't health foods, but is your side salad really a health risk? A recent report outlines the 10 foods regulated by the Food and Drug Administration that cause the most cases of foodborne illness.

Cheese, eggs, ice cream, and tuna are among the riskiest foods, but the report also implicates leafy greens, tomatoes and sprouts.

As a dietitian, I know that when otherwise healthful produce becomes contaminated, it's because it has come in contact with water tainted by animal manure or meat products. Salmonella and E. coli are intestinal bacteria, and spinach and sprouts clearly have no intestines. A recent front-page story in The New York Times drew attention to the meat industry's role in spreading foodborne illnesses.

Consumers can help curtail everyone's risk of foodborne illness by opting for meatless meals, which would reduce the number of animals on farms. This healthy change also helps lower the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer.

Susan Levin, M.S., R.D.
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Washington, D.C.

ANOTHER VIEW

The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown, Ky., on H1N1 information:

Bad information is infectious. And, unfortunately, it's all around.

With the H1N1 virus it is no different; and it's only a mouse click or conversation away.

With words like "pandemic" and "widespread" in news reports, it becomes even more difficult to discern what's real, what's sensationalized, or worse yet, what's simply untrue.

Health care agencies, national and state agencies, and media outlets are working to provide correct information about the virus and how to protect against it. In order for it to take hold, it's important that everyone — those who receive information and those who distribute it — do so wisely and responsibly. ...

When it's a matter of public health, knowledge and action are the best defenses. Not just this year — and not with just the swine flu — but every year, all year, it is important to take the appropriate precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

If you receive information that sounds sensational or questionable, it very well may be. Assumptions, panic and fear fueled by misinformation or misinterpretation only will make matters worse.

Trust is broken

Brad **BUMSTED**

Long-term relations between the House and Senate were severely damaged by the budget battle, casting a cloud over future action on efforts to cap electric rates, next year's budget and trying to stem the impact of spiking pension costs in two years.

It all goes back to the budget deal reached Sept. 18 by Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell, Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats and House Democrats.

House Republicans wanted no part of it. That deal relied in part on levying the sales tax on theater, dance, music, zoos and museum admissions and included a new tax, a 20 percent levy on small games of chance operated by volunteer fire companies, VFWs and social clubs with liquor licenses.

The arts tax was especially difficult for Rendell to swallow. The arts community in Philadelphia is one of his personal favorites. As Philadelphia mayor he had helped create the "Avenue of the Arts." But he agreed.

They all agreed.

And that was the problem.

In the interest of getting a budget done, new House Democratic negotiators, Speaker Keith McCall of Carbon County and House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, of Luzerne County inexplicably signed off on the deal.

Both taxes, for the most part, hit Democratic constituencies.

McCall and Eachus faced a full-scale revolt in their caucus over those measures, and a plan to lease state forest land for natural gas drilling.

Rep. David Levdansky, D-Elizabeth, would later call the small games tax a "Republican Trojan horse."

Leaders were told in no uncertain terms — no.

So the House Democrats broke the deal and sent the Senate a tax bill that eliminated the arts tax and small games tax. The House Ds put in poison pills for the Senate, taxing smokeless tobacco and cigars and taxing natural gas extraction. Those two were ignored in the final agreement.

Senate Republican leaders, Senate Democratic leaders and Rendell were furious.

They had hung themselves out there on controversial taxes. Senate GOP leaders Joe Scarnati, R-Jefferson County, and Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, in the end felt far more comfortable dealing with Senate Dems and Rendell than the House Dems. In fact, they didn't want to deal with them at all. Senate Democratic leaders felt the same.

Some think this is petty. You're nearing 100 days without a budget and egos and pride get in the way.

But part of the culture in the Legislature is that your word is your bond. Former Democratic Sen. Vincent Fumo, of Philadelphia, is in federal prison on one of the most massive political corruption cases in recent history. But Fumo knew how to make a deal, kept his word and legislators knew he could be trusted.

Eachus said they had no choice based on their caucus' reaction.That's true but what galled the other leaders is that Eacus and McCall didn't come back to them and say this won't work, help us out.

House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia, knows how to do a deal, one leader told me. These guys don't.

Looking at it from another point of view, it could be argued that what happened in the House Democratic Caucus is healthier for democracy with a small "d." In years past, rank-and-file members would have had to swallow the deal, like it or not.

Some would argue the end product, without any of those four taxes, is better.

That also may be true, but this is only one budget and a lot of work in the future may be jeopardized.

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.

Health insurance a 'women's issue'

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

"This is insane." Those are the words of Sen. Patty Murray, who has seldom raised her voice during 17 years on Capitol Hill. So what provoked such outrage? A finding by the National Women's Law Center that in eight states, plus the District of Columbia, it's legal for insurance companies to deny health coverage to women victimized by domestic violence.

Murray, a Washington Democrat, was talking about a problem that, while important, affects relatively few women. Her charge of insanity could apply to a much larger issue as well: the finding by the law center that all women who buy insurance in the private market regularly face "huge and arbitrary" penalties compared to men.

Michelle Obama, a former hospital administrator, raised this point recently at a White House meeting: "It's clear that health-insurance reform and what it means for our families is very much a women's issue." The fact that insurance companies are free to practice gender discrimination "is still shocking to me," she said. "These are the kind of facts that still wake me up at night."

As Congress debates healthcare reform, gender discrimination seldom takes center stage. That is why it's so important for women to have a seat at the table when important public-policy decisions are being made. We learned long ago that while male legislators will pay lip service to women's issues, it often takes a female to insist that "this is important, pay attention, get it done." Any bill that becomes law should eliminate the gender bias in the current system.

When Cokie's mother, Lindy Boggs, served in Congress from 1973 to 1991, the few female legislators around forged a pact: At least one of them would try to sit on every major committee. And because she was on the banking panel, Lindy was able to author an amendment that barred lenders from denying women equal access to credit.

Today, far more women are serving in Congress, but their watchful presence is still essential. Sen. Jon Kyl, an Arizona Republican, recently defended the practice of charging women more for insurance by saying, "I don't need maternity care." Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, fired right back: "I think your mom probably did."

Female ferocity is also necessary on the state level. When the Colorado legislature recently took up the issue of gender bias in health insurance, one male lawmaker said "blame God" for putting men's genitalia on the outside and women's on the inside. "Seriously?" retorted State Sen. Morgan Carroll. "Perhaps his brain is on the outside."

According to the National Women's Law Center, two-thirds of American women get insurance through an employer, and federal law bans gender bias in those cases. Another 16 percent qualify for coverage through public programs that also treat men and women equally. But that still leaves almost one in five women who buy insurance as individuals, and that's where the problem occurs.

Because of lax local regulations, women in 40 states can be charged as much as 50 percent more than men; maternity coverage is usually costly and often unavailable. "In short," concludes the law center's study, "too many women face too many obstacles obtaining comprehensive, affordable health coverage in the individual market — simply because they are women."

Insurance companies argue that women should pay more because they cost more, particularly during their childbearing years. That may be true, but does anyone out there believe that the gender penalties would exist if the men who ran the insurance companies had ovaries?

The last time we checked, most pregnancies required some form of male participation. And in any case, children are a community-wide responsibility (and blessing). Mothers who get regular prenatal care have healthier babies; kids who don't see pediatricians regularly are more likely to develop expensive chronic conditions.

Women also cost more because they care more about their health and see doctors more often. Duh. Don't we want people to stay healthy? If women are priced out of the insurance market by gender-based penalties, the entire society suffers, economically as well as morally.

Most of the bills now making their way through Congress would bar insurance companies from denying coverage to policy buyers with a pre-existing condition — like, say, a uterus. But the fight's not over. Costs will be cut, deals will be struck, and the women in Congress, and the White House, have to stay vigilant. Otherwise, the current insanity could continue.

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NEWS

An NAACP official, Medgar Evers was assassinated in 1963

Ship named for civil rights leader

The murder of Medgar Evers moved President John F. Kennedy to seek a civil rights bill.

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. – The widow of slain civil-rights pioneer Medgar Evers fought tears Friday as Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced he's naming a new Navy supply ship for Evers' late husband.

Mabus is a former Mississippi governor.

"I think of those who will serve on this ship and those who will see it in different parts of the world," Myrlie Evers-Williams said at Jackson State University, where Mabus made the announcement.

"And perhaps they, too, will come to know who Medgar Evers was and what he stood for,"

Evers was Mississippi field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People when he was assassinated outside his Jackson home on June 12, 1963. He was 37.

"He gave his life for his country," Mabus told an audience of about 200.

Mabus embraced Evers-Williams and Medgar Evers' brother, Charles Evers, as they stood before a screen with a color likeness of the ship and a black-and-white photograph of Medgar Evers.

The USNS Medgar Evers will be built at General Dynamics NASSCO in San Diego.

Mabus said construction of the 689-foot vessel would take up to two years. The ship will deliver food, ammunition and parts to other ships at sea.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, Medgar Evers organized nonviolent protests, voter registration drives and boycotts in his home state.

Mabus was a 14-year-old living in northern Mississippi when Medgar Evers was killed, then served as governor from January 1988 to January 1992.

He said he chose to name his first Navy ship after Medgar Evers because he was a pioneer.

"He was committed to his fellow human beings and the dream of making America a nation for all its citizens," Mabus said.

Medgar Evers was born in tiny Decatur, Miss., about 60 miles east of Jackson.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in France.

After he returned to Mississippi, he earned a degree from what is now Alcorn State University and became involved in the burgeoning civil-rights movement.

Medgar Evers' assassination prompted President John F. Kennedy to ask Congress for a comprehensive civil rights bill.

Evers is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. It was 1994 before his killer, white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith, was convicted of murder.

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> NAVY SECRETARY RAY MABUS

Evers-Williams – who lives in Los Angeles and Bend, Ore. – thanked Mabus for fulfilling a promise he made to her more than 20 years ago, that he'd find an appropriate way to commemorate her late husband's legacy. She said she flew to Mississippi for Friday's ceremony without knowing why she had to be there.

Evers-Williams joked that Navy officials and her friends in Mississippi who arranged the trip did a good job of keeping the information from her.

"Mission accomplished," she told Mabus with a smile.

Associated Press

Myrlie Evers, widow of slain Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers, expresses joy after Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, seated, said a new supply ship will be named the USNS Medgar Evers.

Few black males teach

The MISTER program is designed to change the situation.

By The Associated Press

CHEYNEY, Pa. – Lenny Macklin made it to 10th grade before having a teacher who looked like him – an African-American male.

Gregory Georges graduated from high school without ever being taught by a black man.

Only about 2 percent of teachers nationwide are African-American men. But experts say that needs to change if educators expect to reduce minority achievement gaps and dropout rates.

Macklin, now an 18-year-old college student, said he understands the circle that keeps many of his peers out of the classroom professionally.

"A lot of males, they don't like being in school because they can't relate to their teacher," said Macklin, of Pittsburgh. "So why would you want to work there?"

American teachers are overwhelmingly white (87 percent) and female (77 percent), despite minority student populations of about 44 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It's a job men generally avoid because of gender stereotypes, fear of abuse accusations and low pay, said Bryan Nelson, founder of the Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization MenTeach. The average U.S. teacher salary was about $51,000 in 2006-07.

Yet increasing the number of minority teachers is important because of "the role model factor," said Greg Johnson, a policy analyst for the National Education Association.

"These students need to see successful adults of color in front of them," Johnson said.

Macklin and Georges, both sophomores at historically black Cheyney University near Philadelphia, are trying to fulfill that need through the Call Me MISTER teaching program.

MISTER is both an acronym – Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models – and a reference to the 1967 film "In the Heat of the Night," in which Sidney Poitier's character demands respect with the line, "They call me MISTER Tibbs!"

Designed to put more minority men at the head of the classroom, the initiative offers scholarships in exchange for teaching in public schools.

"If we can recruit linebackers, point guards and track stars, we can recruit third-grade teachers," said Roy Jones, the program's national executive director.

Jones directs the program from Clemson University in South Carolina, where it began in 2000 after researchers found that fewer than 1 percent of the state's elementary school teachers were black men; the overall K-12 student population at the time was 42 percent black.

Nearly six years after the first MISTER cohort graduated in 2004, there has been some progress, though Jones concedes not nearly enough.

About 50 program graduates are teaching in South Carolina schools, representing a 25 percent increase in the number of black male instructors statewide, Jones said. Another 250 future teachers are in the MISTER pipeline, scattered across 28 colleges in seven states.

To improve the national percentage of black male teachers to even 3 percent, another 45,000 would need to enroll.

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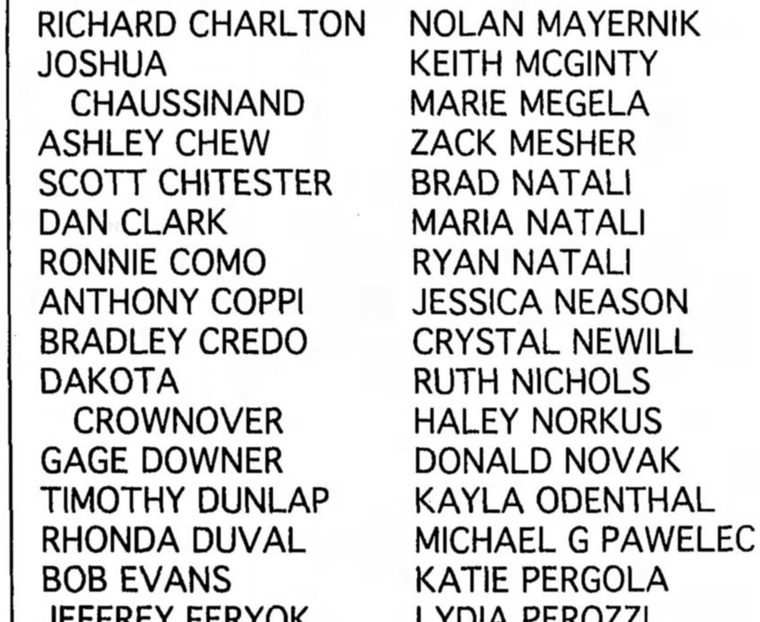

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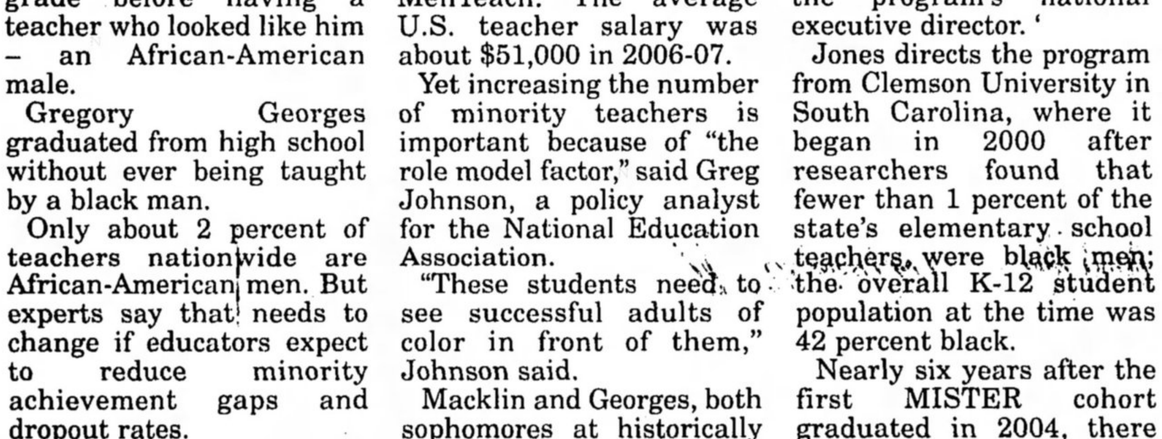

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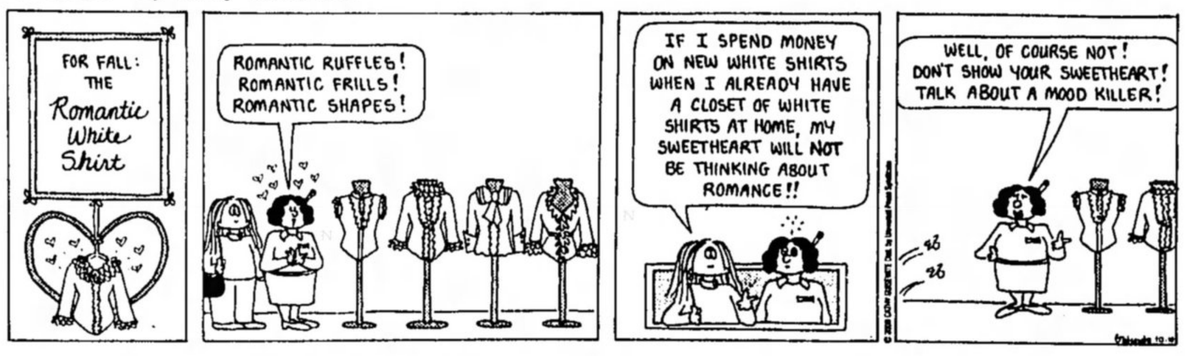
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ROMANTIC RUFFLES! ROMANTIC FRILLS! ROMANTIC SHAPES!
IF I SPEND MONEY ON NEW WHITE SHIRTS WHEN I ALREADY HAVE A CLOSET OF WHITE SHIRTS AT HOME, MY SWEETHEART WILL NOT BE THINKING ABOUT ROMANCE!!
WELL, OF COURSE NOT! DON'T SHOW YOUR SWEETHEART! TALK ABOUT A MOOD KILLER!

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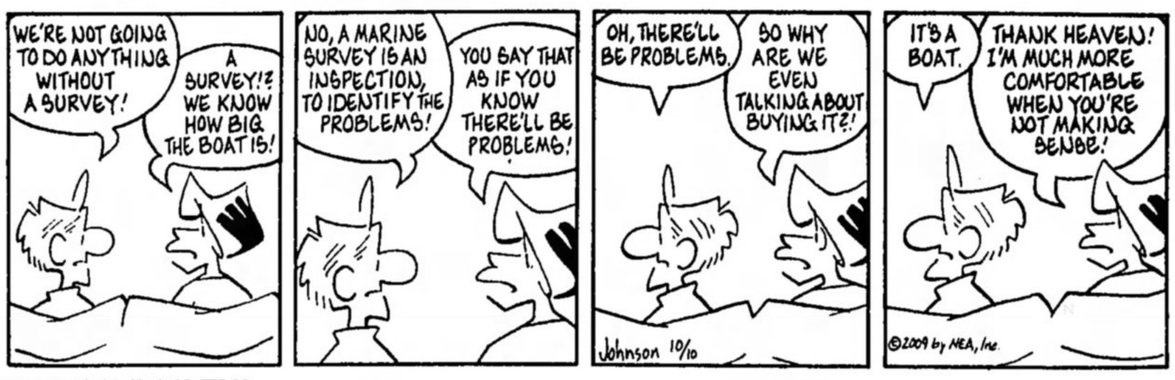
WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT A SURVEY!
A SURVEY!? WE KNOW HOW BIG THE BOAT IS!
NO, A MARINE SURVEY IS AN INSPECTION, TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS!
YOU SAY THAT AS IF YOU KNOW THERE'LL BE PROBLEMS!
OH, THERE'LL BE PROBLEMS.
SO WHY ARE WE EVEN TALKING ABOUT BUYING IT?!
IT'S A BOAT.
THANK HEAVEN! I'M MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE!
Johnson 10/10
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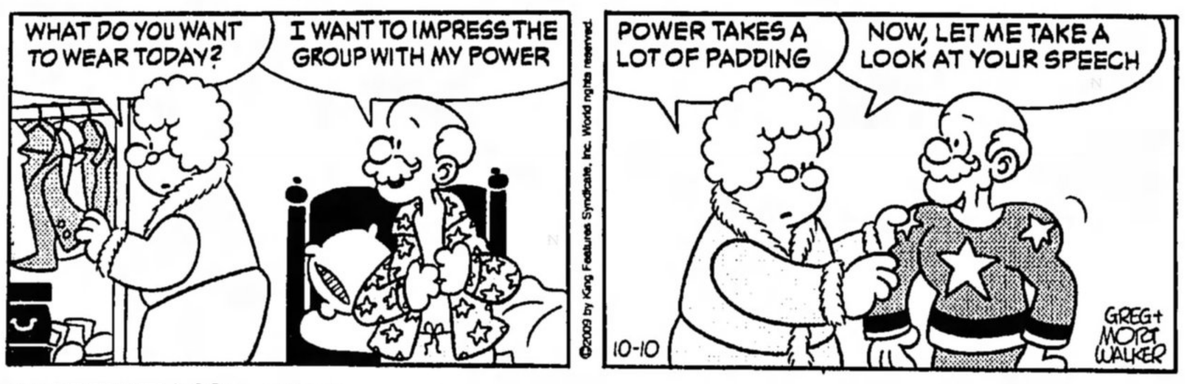
BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker


WHAT DO YOU WANT TO WEAR TODAY?
I WANT TO IMPRESS THE GROUP WITH MY POWER
POWER TAKES A LOT OF PADDING
NOW, LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR SPEECH
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GREG+ MORT WALKER
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CHECK OUT THOSE GUYS SHAGGING FLIES BEFORE THEIR GAME STARTS
IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF FUN, DOESN'T IT?
I KNOW... THE FLIES SEEM TO BE WINNING, TOO!
YEAH, WELL THERE MUST BE A FEW JILLION OF THEM IN THE PARK TODAY
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HEY DAD, WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT'D YOU WANNA BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?
I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST ASTRONAUT TO ACHIEVE LIGHT SPEED.
I WANNA HAVE 14 KIDS AND FIGHT WITH MY WIFE ON MY OWN REALITY TV SHOW.
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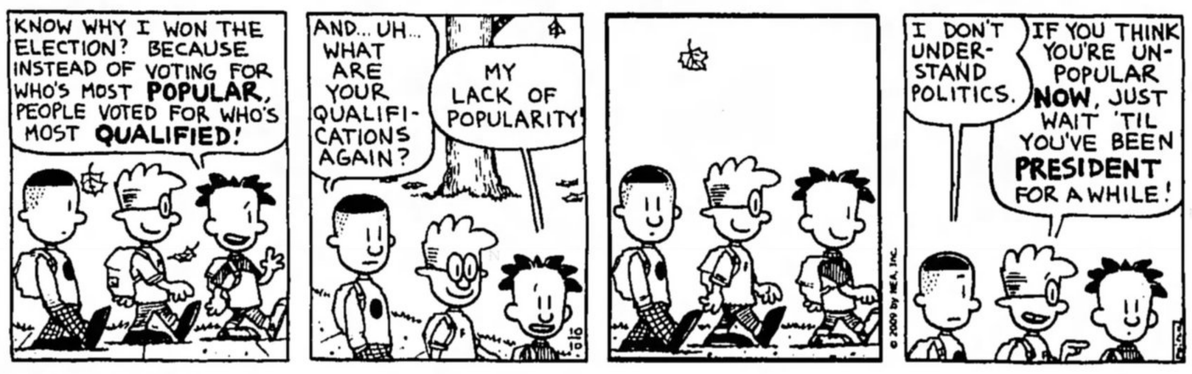
KNOW WHY I WON THE ELECTION? BECAUSE INSTEAD OF VOTING FOR WHO'S MOST POPULAR, PEOPLE VOTED FOR WHO'S MOST QUALIFIED!
AND... UH... WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AGAIN?
MY LACK OF POPULARITY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND POLITICS.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE UNPOPULAR NOW, JUST WAIT 'TIL YOU'VE BEEN PRESIDENT FOR A WHILE!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

BOB JACKSON'S POACHING FRIENDS ARE IN A LOCAL BAR AND GRILL
THERE'S BEEN NO NEWS ABOUT THE GUY WE LEFT IN THE SWAMP, I GUESS THE GATORS TOOK CARE OF HIM!
I THINK IT'S SAFE FOR US TO START TAKING SOME HIDES AGAIN!
JACK ELROD
10-10
SWING BY BOB'S IN THE MORNING AND TELL HIM WE'LL GO OUT TOMORROW NIGHT!

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

COLONEL, LOOK! A UFO HAS LANDED ON THE PARADE GROUND!
EGAD, CORPORAL, THIS IS HISTORIC! MAN MEETS ALIENS! WHAT A MOMENT!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?
EMPTYING THEIR SEPTIC TANK, SIR
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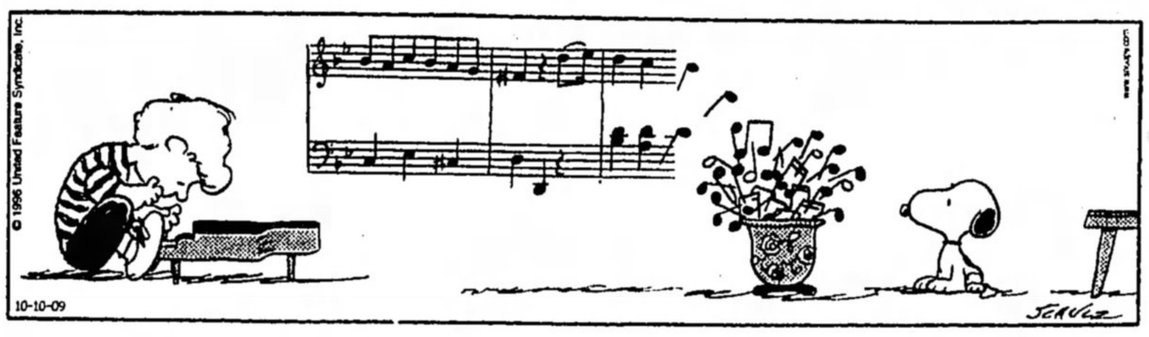
HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

HI SET UP A HOME OFFICE SO HE CAN WORK ON THE WEEKENDS.
WHERE DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR THAT?
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TOWELS.
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BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

EVER WONDER WHY CATS DON'T FETCH STICKS LIKE DOGS DO?
MY CAT FETCHES STICKS.
HUH?
AS LONG AS THEY'RE FISH STICKS!
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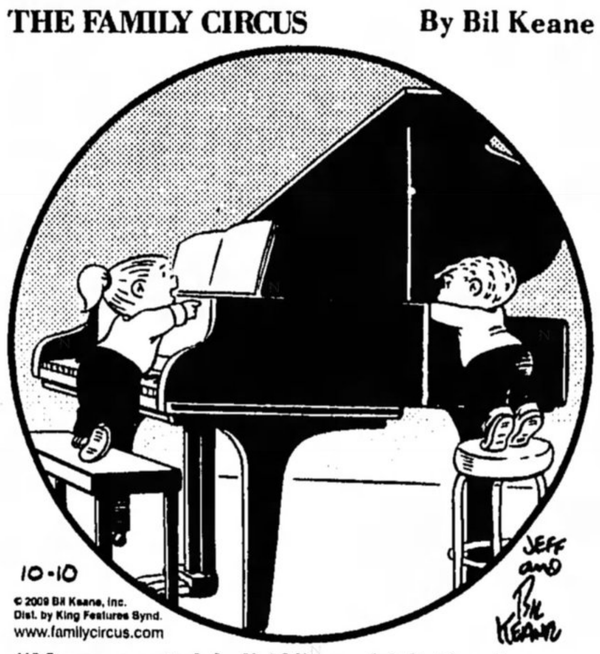

"Keep watchin'! When I hit the keys, you'll get to see the song come out."

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT CrossWordPuzzle

ACROSS

1 Glamorous wrap
4 Tavern
7 Ketch kin
11 Eyebrow or rainbow
12 Taxi rider
13 Desert dweller
14 Brushes up on
16 New York team
17 Spring back
18 Tannin source
20 Flit about
21 Engage, as gear teeth
22 Face warmer
25 Stadium noise
27 Fleming of 007 fame
28 Black, in verse
30 Usher's quest
34 Fish for salads
36 Climb out of bed
38 Menacing sound
39 Enthusiasm
41 A little crazy
43 "Madam, I'm —"
45 Old horse
46 Bantu people
48 Finally (2 wds.)
52 Warm month
53 Not proper
55 Whale
56 Cave dwellers
57 Clingy seedpod
58 Golf bag items
59 Dangerous job
60 Sierra Madre gold

DOWN

1 Zinger
2 Popular cookie
3 Rights org.
4 Fixed potatoes
5 Coffee brewer
6 Mrs. Truman
7 Complains
8 Zones
9 Do guard duty
10 FedEx units
12 Veneer
15 Bridge bldr.
19 "Pulp Fiction" name
22 Harness part
23 Perfume label word
24 Ms. Jillian
25 Stir up
26 Add- — (extras)
29 Car grill cover
31 "I" trouble
32 Comic-strip prince
33 Hear a case
35 Flowering shrubs
37 Overjoys
40 "Down under" bird
42 Look at amorously
43 Blue color
44 Numskull
45 Odious
47 Bench warmers
49 Lectern
50 Insulting remark
51 Amateur
52 Little bit
54 Velvety surface

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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A	B	E	D		R	O	E		C	H	I	N
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TV LISTINGS

Despite unhappy past, girls resist parents' future divorce

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old boy who has known for as long as I can remember that my parents would eventually divorce. I can't remember a day in my life without their constant fighting. Dad has been out of the house for a year now, and our home situation is better.

My sisters, on the other hand, are torn apart. They cry at the mention of the word divorce, which has yet to happen. My older sister is having problems at school and self-esteem issues. My younger sister cries for things to be the way they were — even though everyone was unhappy.

My mother and I recognize that we are happier and are ready to make changes, like moving into a new house and proceeding with the divorce. But because of my sisters, she has asked me if my father should move back in. I desperately want progress, but feel it won't ever come. How can we all let go? — **TEEN IN STATEN ISLAND**

DEAR TEEN: A mother should not be asking her 15-year-old son whether she should be giving her marriage another try. If she's ambivalent, she should make that decision with the help of a therapist — which might also be extremely helpful for you and your sisters.

All of you are experiencing the stress of the impending divorce, and you have my sympathy. But when a marriage is as dysfunctional as your parents' has been, sometimes the sanest answer for all concerned is that it come to an end.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I agreed to help her sister and our niece by allowing them to stay with us in our home due to financial hardship on their part. They pay only their share of the utilities; no rent is included.

We have recently learned that they're not really having a financial problem. My sister-in-law lied to us about their situation. In fact, she makes more money than I do, and she's putting half her earnings into her retirement investment account. What is the right way to approach this problem? — **DECEIVED IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR DECEIVED: Your sister-in-law's behavior is reprehensible. As I see it, you have a couple of choices. You can take the indirect approach by clipping this letter, attaching it to a large piece of paper and printing on it, "You have three days to make other living arrangements," and leaving it on your sister-in-law's pillow. Or the direct one, which would be to tell her that the jig is up, she's no longer welcome under your roof, and you want her and her daughter to pack their bags immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teacher who is concerned by the trend of families displaying caricatures of their family members, along with the names, on the back of their car windows. Some of them not only list every child's name, but also the name of the family pet!

While this may seem cute, it is also advertising personal information to complete strangers. Anyone could approach your children, call them by name, convince them they know the family, and then kidnap them or worse. Why wouldn't they trust someone who even knows their dog's name?

Please print this to raise awareness among parents who may not realize the consequences of such a thoughtless action. — **CONCERNED TEACHER, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.**

DEAR CONCERNED TEACHER: Consider it done.

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SATURDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 10, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(3:30) College Football Alabama at Mississippi. (Live)		(2) News (7) News Weekend (10) Inside Edition	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	College Football Florida at LSU. (Live)						(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(2) (:35) Steelers Huddle (7) CSI: NY "Heroes" (10) (:35) At the Movies	(2) (10) (12:05) CSI: NY "Heroes"	(7) CSI: Miami "Driven" Marisol witnesses a robbery.	(2) (:05) CSI: Miami (10) (:05) Cold Case	(7) Cold Case "The Goodbye Room"	(2) (:05) Cold Case (10) (:05) Without a Trace	(7) Desperate Housewives "Nice She Ain't"
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	College Football: Baylor at Okla. or Conn. at Pitt. or Ore. at UCLA or Wis. at Ohio St.		(4) Radio City Christmas Spectacular (23) Jeopardy	(4) Inside Edition (23) Wheel-Fortune	College Football Michigan at Iowa. (Live)							(4) Ch. 4 News (23) News	(4) Monk (23) Outdoorsman-Buck McNeely	(23) (:35) Grey's Anatomy	(4) (:05) Grey's Anatomy	(23) (:35) Desperate Housewives	(4) (:05) At the Movies (N)	(4) Access H'wood (23) Legend-Seeker
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	Golf The Presidents Cup -- Day 3. From Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco. (Live)		Golf The Presidents Cup -- Day 3. From Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco. (Live)				Trauma "All's Fair" A car crashes into a local street fair; Nancy receives a new partner.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Solitary" Missing woman's boyfriend implicates bank robber.		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:29) Saturday Night Live Drew Barrymore; Regina Spektor. (N)			(6) (:02) Cops (9) (:02) Cash Explosion (11) (:02) Jerome Bettis Show	(6) (11) (:32) The Brian McKnight Show (N) (9) (:32) Bones A man is killed while driving a car registered to a prominent Middle Eastern man.		(6) (:32) NASCAR Angels (9) (:32) Lost "Par Avion" (11) (:32) Judge Judy
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The King of Queens (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Seinfeld (53) Friends	(8) House (53) Friends	(53) Seinfeld George confronts his cowardliness.	Cops A car chase leads to serious injuries. (N)	Cops "Odd Arrests" (PA)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) Everybody-Raymond (53) Slim Down	Talkshow With Spike Feresten Seth MacFarlane; Andy Richter.		Sit Down, Shut Up Willard has a heart attack.	(8) American Chopper (53) Paid Program	(53) Bones "The Soccer Mom in the Mini-Van"	(8) Paid Program	Paid Program	(8) Paid Prog (53) RightSide With Armstrong
(13) WQED	Antiques Roadshow "Spokane, WA"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Highways and Byways"		Keeping Up Appearances	Are You Being Served?	As Time Goes By	Yes, Prime Minister	The Red Green Show	Excellent Adventures	Austin City Limits (N)		Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop Recording artists from the 1950s reunite and perform.			Great Performances		
(19) WPCW	Without a Trace "Last Call"		CSI: Miami "Driven" Marisol witnesses a robbery.		House A mother and her son are in grave danger.		Steelers Saturday Night		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	Legend of the Seeker "Confession"	The Office		Cold Case Files		★★ "Aquamarine" (2006) Sara Paxton.	
(22) WPMY	(5:00) "Twin Dragons"		Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "Harriet the Spy" (1996) Michelle Trachtenberg.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	It's Alive! Join your house.				Scrubs	Paid Prog
(40) WPCB	Something Fresh		Influence	Jewish Voice	Ambition	Born to Free	Global America		Van Impe	Quick Study	Wisdom	ATF.tv	Greater Works Outreach		Theater	Rochouse	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
(59) WBGN	American Idol Rewind (N)		ReGenesis "Prions"		Stargate Atlantis		The Outer Limits		It's Alive!				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Sunblock"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		(12:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) CSI: Miami	
ABCFAM	"My Fake Fiancé" (2009) Melissa Joan Hart.				★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) Hilary Duff.				★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) Shane West, Mandy Moore.					Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Thinner	Paid Prog
AMC	★★★ "Joe Kidd" (1972, Western) Clint Eastwood.				★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin, Ricky Nelson.						★★★ "Chisum" (1970, Western) John Wayne, Forrest Tucker.						★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959) John Wayne.	
ANPL	After the Attack		It's Me or the Dog		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101 (N)		Dogs 101		Dogs 101		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog	
BBC	Top Gear		Torchwood		Robin Hood		Robin Hood (N)		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood		Robin Hood		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood	
BET	★ "Bad Company" (2002, Action) Anthony Hopkins, Chris Rock.					★★ "State Property 2" (2005) Beanie Sigel.				★★★ "Fresh" (1994, Drama) Sean Nelson, Giancarlo Esposito.					Lens on Talent		Played-Fame	Played-Fame
BRAVO	America's Next Top Model		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		★★ "Legends of the Fall" (1994, Drama) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins. Premiere.						★★ "Legends of the Fall" (1994, Drama) Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Aidan Quinn.					
CMT	(5:45) ★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo.				World's Strictest Parents		Dallas Cheerleaders		World's Strictest Parents		Dallas Cheerleaders		(12:15) Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Nick Family"				(:15) Cribs	CMT Music
CNBC	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Biography on CNBC		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Cruise Inc.: Big Money		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		Ab Circle	Foreclosure
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom	
COM	(5:30) ★★ "RENO 911!: Miami" (2007)				★★ "Beerfest" (2006) Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan.				★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004) Jon Heder.				Adam Ferrara		RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!	RENO 911!
CSPAN	President	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives		C-SPAN's Supreme Court Week Justices Sotomayor, Thomas, Breyer and Alito.						American Perspectives				C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line	
DISNEY	Montana	Montana	"Twitches" (2005) Tia Mowry.			(:40) "Twitches Too" (2007) Tia Mowry.			Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	★★ "Never Been Kissed"		Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Kourtney	Take Miami	Take Miami	Take Miami	The Soup	Chelsea	Hollywood Ex Wives: THS		Sexiest "Beach Bodies"		The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	Football	Scoreboard	(:15) College Football Colorado at Texas. (Live)						(:15) SportsCenter (Live)				College Football Final		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	Horse Racing Breeders' Cup Challenge.			Boxing	Boxing		Boxing: Muriqi vs. Tarver	Boxing	2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	NASCAR Race		Scoreboard		College Football Georgia Tech at Florida State. (Live)						NHRA Drag Racing Virginia Nationals -- Qualifying.				Baseball Tonight		NASCAR Race	
EWTN	Worth Living	Virtue	Mother Angelica-Classic		Teresa de Jesús St. Teresa of Avila.				Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		Uncommon Kindness	
FNC	America's News HQ		FOX Report		Huckabee		Special Programming		Geraldo at Large		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	News Watch	Red Eye		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee	
FOOD	The Next Iron Chef "Fearlessness"			Moments	Good Eats Salt.		Good Eats		Good Eats (N)		Iron Chef America		Good Eats		Good Eats		Iron Chef America	
FSN	In My Words	Pens Faceoff	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live)					Penguins	In My Words	Final Score	College Football Stanford at Oregon State. (Same-day Tape)							Final Score
FX	Done Yet?	★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" (2005) Steve Martin.				★★ "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006) Voices of Ray Romano.					Sunny	Sunny	(12:01) Damages		(:01) Damages		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Ryder Cup Highlights		Ryder Cup Highlights		Ryder Cup Highlights		Live From the Presidents Cup (Live)				Live From the Presidents Cup				Live From the Presidents Cup			
GSN	1 vs. 100		Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Deal or No Deal		1 vs. 100		Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		1 vs. 100	
HALL	"Riding the Bus"		"The Valley of Light" (2007, Drama) Chris Klein.				★★ "Plainsong" (2004, Drama) Aidan Quinn.				★★ "Follow the Stars Home" (2001) Kimberly Williams.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	To Sell	Income Prop.	For Rent	House	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	House	House	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	House	House
HIST	(5:00) Super City: New York		Modern Marvels		What Went Down		What Went Down "Alamo"		Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History				(12:01) What Went Down		(:01) What Went Down		Ku Klux Klan	
LIFE	(5:00) "Twelve Mile Road"		★★ "The Book of Ruth" (2004) Christine Lahti.				★★★ "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" (2005)				Project Runway		Models	Sherri "Pilot"	Sherri	Sherri	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
MSNBC	Disappearance at the Dairy Queen Cindy Zarzycki.				Caught on Camera		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Raw		Lockup "Inside Stateville"		Taking the Bait	
MTV	Awards	The Hills	Made "Hip Hop Dance Battle 2" Hip Hop Champion. (N)				Making Band	True Life		VMA 09	2009 MTV Video Music Awards In New York City.					Popzilla	"Pee-wee's Adv."	
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Jackson	The Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	(5:30) ★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez.				★★★ "Panic Room" (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker.					★★★ "Panic Room" (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker.					★★ "The Amityville Horror" (2005) Ryan Reynolds.			
PCN	PCN PM - pcntv.com				PCN Primetime - pcntv.com		High School Football California at Carmichaels. (Taped)						High School Football Easton at Nazareth. (Taped)				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	PCNC News		PCNC News	Ch Batch	NAACP Dinner		PCNC News	Mike Tomlin	Best of Pittsburgh Now	Ch Batch	PCNC News	Paid Prog	PCNC News		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	PCNC News
SPIKE	(5:00) "Kung Fu Hustle"		★★ "Die Another Day" (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens.						★★ "Die Another Day" (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens.						★★ "Jackass: The Movie" (2002) Johnny Knoxville.			
SYFY	"Disaster Zone: Volcano"		"NYC: Tornado Terror" (2008) Nicole de Boer.				"Megafault" (2009) Brittany Murphy. Premiere.				"Earthstorm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin, Dirk Benedict.				"Megafault" (2009) Brittany Murphy, Eriq La Salle.			
TBS	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals. (Live)								MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Colorado Rockies. (Live)						MLB Post		★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994)	
TCM	(:15) ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (1957) Van Heflin.				★★★ "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" (1932)				★★★ "Juarez" (1939) Paul Muni, Bette Davis.				(12:15) ★★ "Dr. Socrates" (1935)				★★★ "The Story of Louis Pasteur"	
TLC	Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.		Dateline Myst.	
TNT	(5:45) ★★ "Men in Black II" (2002)				★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				NBA Preseason Basketball Golden State Warriors vs. Phoenix Suns.				★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002)	
TOON	Stoked	Stoked	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	10 Count	Sports	King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Hungerforce	The PJs	Boondocks	Bleach	Moribito	Code Geass	Shin Chan
TRAVEL	(5:00) World Poker Tour		Zimmern's Bizarre World		★★★ "City Slickers" (1991) Billy Crystal.				Relic Hunter	Relic Hunter	Extreme Bathrooms		★★★ "City Slickers" (1991) Billy Crystal.				Relic Hunter	Relic Hunter
TRUTV	Speeders	Speeders	Most Shocking		Top 20 Most Shocking (N)		World's Dumbest...		Bait Car	Bait Car	Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice		Power, Privilege & Justice		Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	★★ "Police Academy" (1984) Steve Guttenberg.				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	3's Company	3's Company
USA	(4:00) "Casino Royale"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Shalom"		NCIS "Escaped"		Psych "Let's Get Hairy"		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		WWE A.M. Raw (N)	
VH1	Hip Hop Songs		Hip Hop Songs		★★★ "Higher Learning" (1995, Drama) Omar Epps. Premiere.					Behind the Music "T.I." T.I.	Tool Academy		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance	
VS.	IndyCar Racing		Sports Soup	Sports	Bull Riding PBR Columbus Invitational. (Live)				World Extreme Cagefighting (Live)				WEC's Greatest Knockouts		World Extreme Cagefighting			
WE	(5:00) ★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze.				The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	The Locator	Adoption Diaries		The Locator	The Locator	Adoption Diaries		The Locator	The Locator	Adoption Diaries	
WGN	Bones		Bones		★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd.				Funniest Home Videos		Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ "The Peacemaker" (1997) George Clooney, Nicole Kidman.					Jurassic 3
ENC	★★ "Metro" (1997, Action) Eddie Murphy.				★★★ "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith.				(:15) ★★★ "Executive Decision" (1996, Action) Kurt Russell.					★★ "The 13th Warrior" (1999)			(:15) "The Terminator"	
HBO	(:15) ★★★ "Kung Fu Panda" (2008, Comedy)				★★★ "Marley & Me" (2008) Owen Wilson. Premiere.				Wanda Sykes: I'ma Be Me (N)			Curb-Enthsm	★★★ "Marley & Me" (2008) Owen Wilson.				★★★ "Michael Clayton"	
MAX	★★★ "The Incredible Hulk" (2008) Edward Norton.				★★ "Street Kings" (2008) Keanu Reeves.				★★ "Eagle Eye" (2008) Shia LaBeouf. Premiere.				Life on Top		(:35) "The Erotic Traveler 4: Self Portrait" (2007)			Eagle Eye
SHOW	(5:05) ★★ "Bottle Shock"		Inside the NFL (iTV)		Dexter (iTV)		★★ "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz. iTV.				★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (2007) Russell Crowe. iTV.				(:05) ★★ "Striptease" (1996) Demi Moore. iTV.			
STARZ	(4:50) "Seven Pounds"		(:05) ★★ "Lakeview Terrace" (2008, Suspense)				★★ "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"			(:33) Crash "Can't Explain"		★★ "Swing Vote" (2008, Comedy) Kevin Costner.					(:35) "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"	

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of new grads say benefits are their top priority in accepting a job.

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RELIGION

'American Qur'an' blends U.S. life, Quranic verses

Each painting relates to the chapter it illustrates, either literally or metaphorically.

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

CULVER CITY, Calif. — The scene is seared into the American psyche: the residents of New Orleans engulfed by flood waters, perched on rooftops and desperate for help as corpses float past and helicopters whirl overhead.

The depiction of Hurricane Katrina's devastating aftermath is a visceral image that Americans would expect to find in a history book or on TV — but not in the pages of the Quran, the holy book of the Islamic faith.

That's precisely why painter Sandow Birk chose to include a watercolor of the ravaged city in his latest exhibit "American Qur'an," a re-imagining of the Islamic holy book that pushes cultural and religious boundaries by blending the tome's ancient chapters with postcards from the American experience.

Birk hopes it will help the religious text speak to modern Christians as clearly as Muslims believe God spoke to the Prophet Muhammad so many centuries ago. Many Christians also don't realize that the Quran contains some of the same characters — including Noah, Moses and Abraham — they learned about in Sunday school, he said.

"When you go to a church here, the minister reads a passage from the Bible and then he spends 30 minutes talking about, 'How does this passage relate to your life in the 21st century?' That's a familiar way that Americans have of dealing with religious texts," Birk said. "This is a whole passage about Noah and it's sort of hard to imagine a flood of Noah's epic proportions today — but we can very well remember the flood of Katrina."

In Birk's version, each chapter of the Quran has been carefully copied in English in a calligraphy modeled on the urban graffiti of America's inner cities. The stark black text is bordered by scenes from American life both mundane and extraordinary: gangsters flashing signs, Hurricane Katrina's devastation, migrants working the fields, a crowded airport lounge and a raging California wildfire among them.

Each painting relates to the sura, or chapter, it illustrates, either literally or metaphorically, Birk said.

Birk, an Orange County native who is known for using historical references to address thorny social issues, conceived of the project both as a political statement and an artistic and intellectual challenge. In preparation, he studied for three months at L'Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris and pored over ancient, hand-illustrated Qurans of all sizes and styles at the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin.

"We've been engaged in this war for so many years, and it seemed that it would be nice to know more about what's going on between the two cultures, since our country is investing so much into it," Birk said. "The message is very similar. There was sort of this moment where you just think, 'Why is there so much conflict here, because things are so similar?'"

Now, after five years of intermittent work, Birk is halfway done copying and illustrating the Quran's 114 suras. The completed 16-by-24 inch panels are on display until Oct. 30, split evenly between galleries in San Francisco and Culver City, near Los Angeles. A third installation will be shown in New York City this winter before Birk offers the entire collection as a coffee table art book.

Birk, who had a self-described "sparse Christian upbringing," took painstaking care to copy many of the features of centuries-old Qurans, such as the colors, extra-large borders surrounding the holy text and the tiny, multicolored "rosettes" that separate verses and groups of verses on the page.

Yet he has also openly flouted one of the most time-tested traditions surrounding the Quran: a hard-and-fast bias against images of humans or animals within its pages. In contrast, Birk's panels explode with everyday life: a woman jogs through a darkening cityscape, a family gathers around a picnic table, a crowd of iPod-wearing Americans wearily wait at an airport gate and garbage men collect the trash on a gritty urban street.

Associated Press

In this Thursday, Sept. 17 photo, art patrons Jennifer Schneiderman, left, and Barbara George look at the work of Sandow Birk titled "American Qur'an" at the Koplin Del Rio Gallery in Culver City, Calif. Birk has created an illustrated, English-language Quran that he's calling the "American Koran." The text is handwritten in a graffiti-style script modeled on graffiti found in Los Angeles.

Birk, 46, believes that because his work does not contain the original Arabic text, it is not considered a "true Quran."

One of his most provocative panels, on display in San Francisco, shows the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, alongside the sura entitled "Smoke." It opens with a Quranic passage about a sign from heaven, a calamitous day when smoke pours forth.

"It was obvious to me that ... if you didn't at some point discuss 9/11 it would just be sort of pointless," Birk said. "It's the crucial moment in the relationship between the two cultures. Any discussion of Islam in the United States has to talk about that."

Because of that content, Koplin Del Rio Gallery owners Sugar Elisa Brown and Eleana Del Rio braced for controversy when the show opened last month. They have been surprised and encouraged by the muted reaction: they have received only a handful of odd or threatening e-mails and some Muslims have written to express their appreciation. Surprisingly, some of the most vocal critics have been those who believe Birk's work portrays Islam in too positive a light, they said.

Catholic bishops address Jewish concerns about document on salvation, evangelizing

America's Catholic bishops say they "remain deeply committed to dialogue and friendship with the Jewish people."

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops have revised a recent statement on salvation, Jews and evangelizing in response to concerns Jewish leaders have voiced over the document.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops affirmed earlier this week that Jewish-Catholic dialogue "has never been and will never be used by the Catholic Church as a means of proselytism."

"Nor," they added, " is it intended as a disguised invitation to (Catholic) baptism."

The tension arose over the bishops' effort to clarify a 2002 document known as "Covenant and Mission."

The bishops had said during the past summer that the 2002 document mistakenly played down the importance of sharing the Gospel.

Therefore, they acknowledged, it was misleading.

But Jewish groups objected.

It was their contention that the bishops were sending the message that they view interfaith dialogue as a chance to invite Jews to become Catholic.

The bishops said this week that was not the case.

"We remain deeply committed to dialogue and friendship with the Jewish people who are, in the words of Pope John Paul II, 'our elder brothers and sisters in the faith,'" they said.

The tensions are rooted in a complex theological debate about salvation for those outside the Catholic Church.

Discussion of the issue between Jews and Catholics focuses on the significance of the ancient covenant between God and the Jews.

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Friendship Sunday set in Lynnwood

Friendship Sunday will be observed tomorrow at Lynnwood Evangelical Lutheran Church, 900 Washington Road, Belle Vernon.

Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and worship service is at 11 a.m. A fellowship gathering will be held immediately after worship.

Church marking 12th anniversary

The Highland Missionary Baptist Church, of Connellsville, will observe its 12th church anniversary 3 p.m. Oct. 18.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Beverly Harris, of the First Baptist Church, of Lambert.

She will be accompanied by her choir and congregation and also the Holly Hall Ensemble of Silver Spring, Md., directed by Mary Fulwood, formerly of Monessen.

Dinner will be served from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Top entertainer due in Roscoe

The Country Music Gospel Association female Entertainer of the Year and Comedian of the Year for the eastern division, Betty Riecks, will present a concert 7 p.m. Sunday at the Roscoe United Methodist Church.

Riecks won these honors in Springsboro, Ohio, and will now go on to Branson for the International Competition.

Last year she won the CMGA's "Top New Female Artist" for the eastern division as well.

The concert is being sponsored by the Greater Purpose Team Ministry, which consists of Allenport, Denbo, Fredericktown, Howe, Jefferson, Roscoe and Rices Landing United Methodist Churches.

Monessen pastor in place for year

Bishop Karl Jackson's first anniversary as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, 230 Reed Ave., Monessen, will be celebrated Sunday.

The morning worship will begin at 11 with worship leader, Deaconess Dorothy M. Wilson, a member of Mt. Calvary. The Rev. Gwendolyn Flowers, pastor of Fountain of Life Church, Pittsburgh, will deliver the morning message.

The afternoon service will begin at 3:30, led by the Rev. Dennis Stitch, from Covenant Christian Church, Belle Vernon. The Rev. Brian McKee, pastor of the Mt. Rose Baptist Church, Uniontown, will preach the spoken word.

Dinner will be served from 1 to 3 p.m.

Church to host nurses' program

The Nurses Board of Gate of Heaven Church of God in Christ, 644 Reed Ave., Monessen, will hold its annual nurses' program 4 p.m. Sunday.

Mistress of Ceremony will be Missionary Theresa Corbitt. There will be a 3-minute talk by Missionary Doris Wade, of Whole Truth Church of God in Christ, Donora.

Mimers with a Message will perform. Soloist will be Tracy Calhoun, Light of the World Choir will sing and there will be a clarinet solo by Susan Pontow.

The Rev. Gary Brock, of First Church of God in Christ, Beltzhoover, will be the guest speaker. His congregation and choir will also accompany him.

Izetta Bass is the president of the nurses board. The Rev. William Bass will give the final remarks and benediction.

Guest preacher due in Donora

St. Paul Baptist Church, 49 South McKean Ave., Donora, will welcome the Rev. John A. Hollins as its guest preacher at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Hollins acts as an interim pastor at Friendship Baptist Church in Washington. He began in prison ministry at the Marion County Jail under C.A. Lambert Echols. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 2001 and was called to pastor at Beulah Baptist Church in Springfield, where he served for several years. He has attended Vanguard Christian College, Bible College of the Bible Way Church and the American Bible College.

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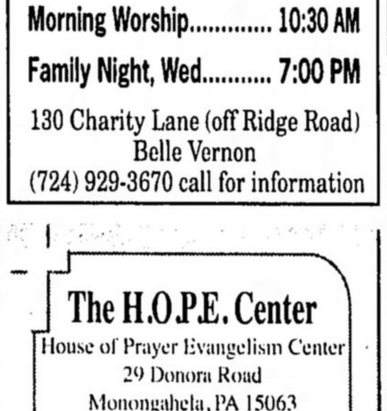

Halloween treats without the scary cost

Mini Jack-O'-Lantern Pizzas cost less than 60 cents apiece.

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

The cost of store-bought Halloween party treats can be more terrifying than the ghouls crowding your doorstep. And if you want a real fright, take a glance at all the sugar and artificial coloring listed on the nutrition labels.

These mini jack-o'-lantern pizzas, made with smoky Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese, cost less than 60 cents each to make and will be a hit with adults and kids. Plus, they're made with wholesome ingredients to balance out all the Halloween sweet treats.

Store-bought dough makes these pizzas easy to prepare, but to save even more money you could make your own dough.

This also is a good cooking project for children, who can customize their jack-o'-lantern pizzas. Buy a variety of vegetables and other toppings and let the children design their own. Broccoli florets, for example, could be added for hair.

Mini Jack-O'-Lantern Pizzas

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Servings: 12

12 grape or cherry tomatoes, halved lengthwise
12 pitted black olives, quartered lengthwise
6 slices (about 3 ounces) Canadian bacon, halved
20-ounce ball prepared pizza dough, room temperature, divided into 12 portions
8-ounce can tomato sauce with basil and oregano
2 cups shredded, reduced-fat orange cheddar cheese

Heat the oven to 450 F. Spray 2 baking sheets with cooking spray.

To make eyes, place the tomatoes cut-side down on a cutting board. Using the tip of a sharp paring knife, make a 1/4-inch slit through the center of each tomato. Stuff an olive quarter into each slit to make the pupils.

To make mouths, trim each half of Canadian bacon into a jack-o'-lantern-style mouth.

On a lightly floured surface, using a rolling pin, roll each piece of dough into a 5-inch wide round, then transfer to one of the prepared baking sheets.

To make the pizzas, coat each round of dough with tomato sauce and sprinkle evenly with cheese. Arrange the mouths and eyes on the pizza. Additional olive quarters can be used as fangs.

Bake until the crusts are browned and the cheese is melted, about 8 to 12 minutes.

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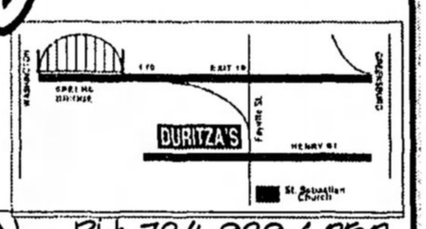

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Creepy cupcakes for Halloween

Associated Press

Vampire Cupcakes take an all-time kid favorite and make it perfect for any Halloween gathering.

By The Associated Press

If you're looking for easy, no-recipe-needed Halloween treats, these creeped out cupcakes are an eerily good choice. In one, a traditional frosted cupcake falls victim to a bat attack. In the other, they take a slimy, almost radioactive, turn.

Both ideas are from Matthew Mead's "Monster Book of Halloween," which is jammed with numerous ghastly treats and decorations.

Vampire Cupcakes

Bake up a batch of your favorite cupcake recipe or prepare a boxed mix according to package directions. Alternatively, most bakeries (even those in grocers) will sell unfrosted cupcakes if asked in case you want to do only the fun part — the decorating.

Once the cupcakes have cooled, frost them with white cake frosting.

Use black gel icing (the sort sold in tubes in the baking aisle) to draw a bat on top of each cupcake. If you need help with this, a template can be downloaded from Mead's Web site at http://tinyurl.com/yeboobr. Cut out the template and use it as a stencil.

Use a toothpick to make 2 holes (bite marks) near each bat, then drizzle red gel icing into each.

Get Slimed Cupcakes

Prepare 2 packages of Jell-O Gelatin (any variety, though green and yellow are good) according to the package's directions for Jigglers (2 packages plus 2 cups boiling water). Divide the liquid between 6 flexible silicone baking cups.

Divide the remaining liquid between 6 round-bottomed teacups (this creates a domed top for each cupcake), filling each about 1/2 inch. Refrigerate everything for 4 hours, or until set.

To remove the gelatin from the cups, set the base of each in a bowl of warm water for about 10 seconds. Overturn the cups and gently pry out the cupcakes and dome tops. Invert a dome onto each cupcake, then decorate with gummy worms.

Devilish dips for the holiday

Green glops look spooky but provide tasty Halloween treat.

By The Associated Press

Murky, dark and swampy isn't a description often applied to good food. Except around Halloween, of course, when the swampier the better. And in her holiday specialty magazine, "Martha Stewart Halloween Spirited Celebrations," Stewart delivers frights and flavor.

This duo of green glop actually is a pair delicious dips — guacamole with black beans and a tomatillo salsa verde. To stick with the dark theme, serve them with blue tortilla chips.

Guacamole with Black Beans

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Makes 3 cups

15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt
1/2 large white onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon minced jalapeno pepper (seeds removed, if desired)
1 1/2 teaspoons minced chipotle in adobo
1 small clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice (from 1 to 2 limes)
2 avocados, pitted and peeled
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Blue corn tortilla chips, for serving

In a medium bowl, combine the beans, salt, onion, jalapeno, chipotle, garlic and lime. Mash the avocados, then stir them into bean mixture along with the cilantro. Serve immediately, with chips.

Tomatillo Salsa Verde

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Makes 1 1/2 cups

1 pound tomatillos, husks removed, rinsed well and dried
1/2 large white onion, peeled and sliced
1 jalapeno pepper, halved lengthwise (half seeded)
2 garlic cloves (not peeled)
1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
1 1/4 teaspoons coarse salt
Blue corn tortilla chips, for serving

Heat the broiler.

On a rimmed baking sheet, combine the tomatillos, onion slices, jalapeno and garlic cloves. Broil until blackened, turning occasionally, about 10 minutes. Remove and discard the garlic peels.

Transfer the broiled ingredients to a food processor, and process until smooth and combined. Add the cilantro and salt, then pulse until blended. The salsa can be refrigerated up to 1 day in an airtight container. Serve with tortilla chips.

SCHOOL MENUS

Here's a look at the school menus for the week of Oct, 12:

BELLE VERNON AREA
Breakfast

Daily alternatives: Cereal, muffin, milk and juice; yogurt, muffin, milk and juice

Monday – Cinnamon French toast sticks

Tuesday – Waffles and sausage

Wednesday – Scrambled eggs and ham

Thursday – Breakfast pizza

Friday – Pancake stick

Lunch

Daily alternatives: Chef salad; ham and turkey sandwich; peanut butter and jelly; cheese sandwich

Monday – Chicken patty sandwich, peas and carrots, cinnamon apples

Tuesday – Walking tacos/roll, corn, packaged or fresh fruit

Wednesday – Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic stick, tossed salad, peaches

Thursday – Baked chicken strips, dinner roll, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pears

Friday – Pizza Day, Italian salad, pineapple tidbits

CALIFORNIA AREA

Breakfast and Lunch choices: Breakfast and Lunch: Skim, strawberry, chocolate or white milk

Lunch: Vegetable or tossed salad; peanut butter and jelly or tuna sandwich

Breakfast

Monday – Muffin, cereal, juice

Tuesday – Juice, toast, funnel cake/powdered sugar

Wednesday – Doughnut, juice, cereal

Thursday – Toast, juice, cereal

Friday – Pop tart, juice, cereal

Lunch

Monday – Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, peas and carrots, assorted fruit

Tuesday – Meatball sandwich with or without mozzarella cheese, parsley potatoes, sherbet

Wednesday – California hoagie/lettuce, oven baked beans, assorted fruit

Thursday – Lasagna/meat sauce, tossed salad or beets, garlic stick, assorted fruit

Friday – Pepperoni or garlic pizza, broccoli cuts, assorted fruit

GEIBEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch

Monday – Cheeseburger, French fries, peas, dessert, fruit, milk

Tuesday – Weiner wrap, tater tots, baked beans, vegetable, dessert, milk, salad bar

Wednesday – General Tso's chicken, roll and butter, vegetable, fruit, fortune cookies, milk, potato bar

Thursday – Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert, milk, salad bar

Friday – Stromboli with sauce, vegetable, fruit, dessert, milk, salad bar

MONESSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Daily breakfast choices: Assorted whole grain cereals with toast.

Breakfast

Monday – Breakfast pizza pocket

Tuesday – Flapstick with syrup

Wednesday – Cheesy eggs and half bagel

Thursday – Sausage and cheese muffin

Friday – Pancakes with sausage

Lunch

Monday - Hot dog bar, chili, cheese and sauerkraut, or chicken patty on bun, baked tater tots, chilled applesauce, milk

Tuesday – Grilled cheese with tomato soup or sloppy joe, steamed peas, chilled peaches, milk

Wednesday – Pizza pasta casserole or salad bar with bread, green beans, pineapple chunks, milk, brownie

Thursday – Hard shell beef taco or meatball hoagie, baked French fries, mixed fruit, milk

Friday – Cheese pizza slice, or turkey and cheese on bun, tossed salad, chilled pears, milk

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast
Same as elementary
Lunch

Each entree served with choice of bread, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Daily alternatives: plain or pepperoni pizza offered daily; chicken choices daily

Monday – Grilled cheese and tomato soup or sloppy joe, French fries

Tuesday – Hot dog bar or chicken patty, French fries

Wednesday – Chicken rice bowl or barbecued rib hoagie, baked tater tots

Thursday – Hard taco or meatball hoagie, French fries

Friday – Pasta with meat sauce or fish sandwich, steamed veggie

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Teixeira's HR beats Twins

Mark Teixeira blasted a walk-off homer in the 11th inning to give the Yankees a 2-0 lead in their playoff series. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Adams runs over Yough

Greensburg Salem's Matt Adams ran for 116 yards and a touchdown before being sidelined with an injury in the second quarter of Friday's win over Yough. **2B**

Ready for Foote-ball?

After leaving the Steelers for Detroit, linebacker Larry Foote had Sunday's game "circled, highlighted and posted up." **4B**

Sports Trivia

Who was the last Detroit Lions quarterback to be named to the Pro Bowl? **2B**

Last night's games

Carolina 7, Florida 2
Dallas 5, Calgary 2

Krepps' first Big 7 win memorable

Victory came in the city where he was an All-American college player.

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WASHINGTON — Belle Vernon Area couldn't have picked a better place to give rookie coach Aaron Krepps his first Big 7 Conference win.

It came over Trinity, 21-6, Friday in the rain at Hiller Stadium in Washington, only two miles from where Krepps starred several years ago as an All-American gridder at Washington & Jefferson College.

"We've been getting better week by week," said Krepps, whose team was coming off a pair of one-point losses. "A play here and a play there and we win those games.

"We've started strong two weeks in a row and really played great defense tonight all the way around."

The Leps (3-3, 1-2) came within 61 seconds of blanking the Hillers (1-5, 1-3).

Trinity scored on a 48-yard pass from backup quarterback Brad Martin to Dustin Avolio with 1:01 left on the clock.

While BVA was holding Trinity's three top running backs to a combined total of 56 yards, the Leps' Matt Green was showing why he's one of the conference's premier running backs.

Green piled up 143 yards on a season-high 33 carries and scored the Leps' first and third touchdowns on runs of 3 yards in the second quarter and 10 yards in the third quarter.

"The rain forced us to run and Green is a warrior," said Krepps.

Green's biggest run came late in the first quarter when on a fourth and one at the Leps' 45, he picked up 28 yards on a draw play.

Seven plays later, Green appeared stopped at the line of scrimmage at the Trinity 3-yard line when he bulled his way into the end zone.

The Leps' 11-play, 64-yard touchdown drive came after Trinity elected to punt from its own 33 on a fourth and inches.

The Leps' luck changed early in the second half when a punt by their Joey Walko bounced off Trinity's Neal Yakopin to BVA's Jake Campbell at the Hillers' 19.

Four plays later, BVA quarterback Brandon Dilmore went in from two yards out to give the Leps a two-touchdown cushion.

Dilmore's 24-yard pass to Campbell was the big play in the short drive.

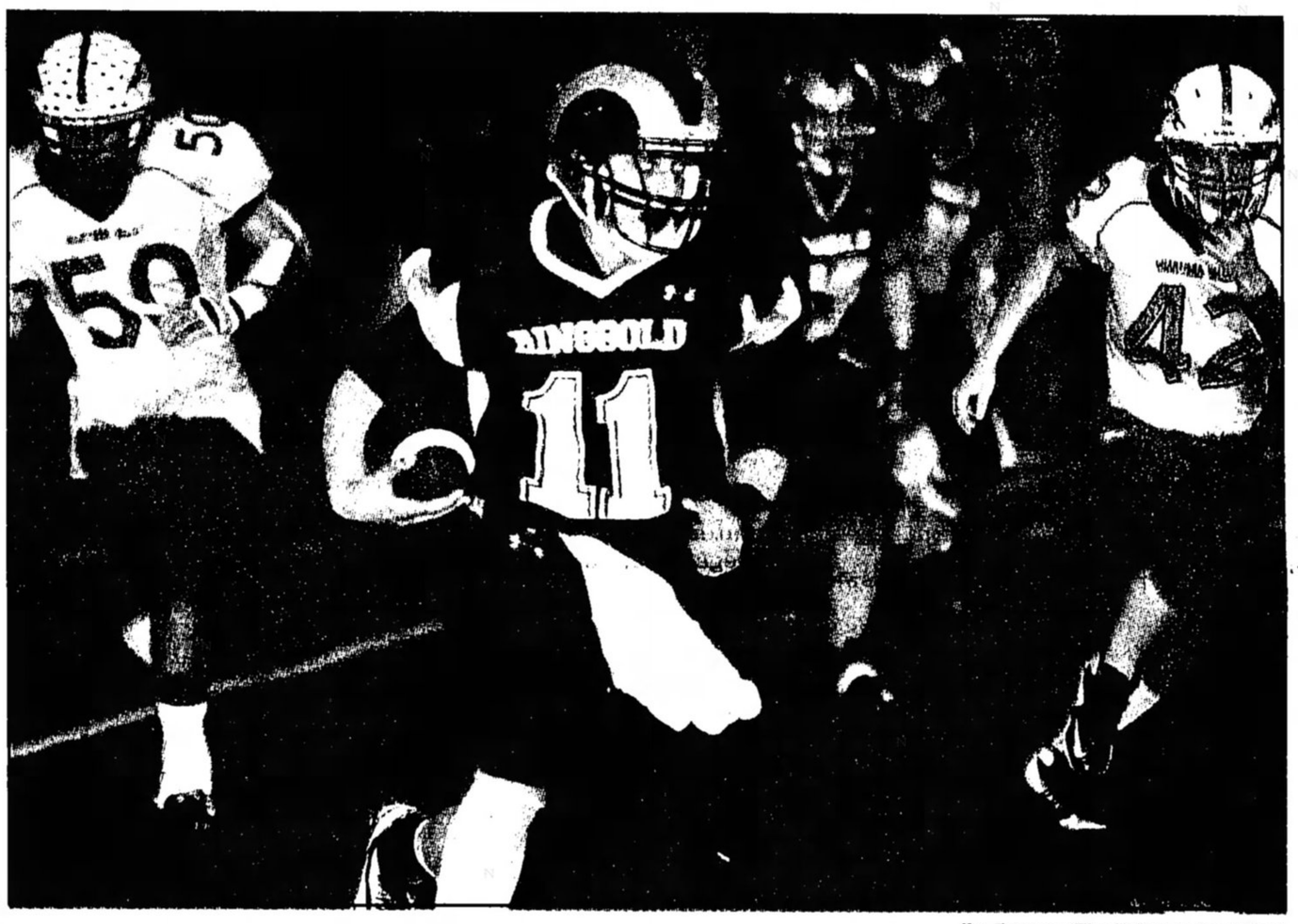
Green sealed the win with a 10-yard TD run with three minutes to go following a 28-yard run three plays earlier.

"The team is starting to take shape and believing," said Krepps.

Krepps

"This should be a great motivation boost for us."

LEFT-OVERS: The Leps snapped a five since joining the Big 7 last year ... Both wins are over Trinity. Cody Williams had two interceptions for the Leps. Trinity's Andrew Steratore, who was averaging 100 passing yards a game, was two of eight for eight yards with one interception before being pulled in the fourth quarter ... The Leps are home with Ringgold Friday.



Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Ringgold's Dylan Patch (11) breaks loose for a second quarter touchdown against Chartiers Valley Friday night. Chasing him are Dylan Croftcheck (50) and Michael Shoats (42).

Chartiers Valley barely escapes Ringgold upset

Unbeaten Colts get late field goal to edge Rams, 24-22.

Thanks to Dylan Patch, Ringgold almost pulled off a stunning Big 7 Conference upset against unbeaten Chartiers Valley Friday at Joe Montana Stadium.

Patch ran for a game-high 195 yards on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns as the Rams (2-4, 0-3) gave the Colts (6-0, 4-0) their biggest scare of the season.

Two of Patch's scoring runs were 79 and 71 yards. His other six-pointer in the 24-22 loss came on a 26-yard run.

Skyler Fransko accounted for the Rams' other points with a 27-yard field goal and extra point.

While Patch was having a big night for the Rams, so was Rob LaMonde for the Colts.

Starting his first game at quarterback in place of injured Wayne Capers, LaMonde ran for 136 yards on 25 carries and scored once from 2 yards out.

Dave Adams went 4 yards and Beau Carson 24 yards for Chartiers Valley's other six-pointers.

Patch's 71-yard TD run gave Ringgold a 22-21 lead in the fourth quarter before Joe Pacella's 32-yard field goal with 6:05 remaining won it for the Colts.

Football roundup

Chartiers Valley hosts Thomas Jefferson in a battle of unbeatens Thursday with Ringgold visiting Belle Vernon Area Friday.

Carmichaels 44, California 26

The Mikes' Anthony Farrar was too much for the Trojans.

As a result, California (4-2, 3-1) is in a three-way tie for second place in Class A's Tri-County South Conference with Beth-Center (4-2. 3-1) and Jefferson-Morgan (5-1, 3-1) instead of holding a half-game lead over Monessen (3-2, 3-0), which visits Geibel today at noon.

Farrar ran for 190 yards on 32 carries and scored four touchdowns.

Farrar's TD runs were 61, 3, 2 and 1 yard.

Jonathan Krall also threw two touchdown passes to Seth Krall.

D.J. Martinak had a pair of touchdowns for the Trojans, with Dakota Conway returning a kickoff 85 yards for a score and catching a 20-yard touchdown pass from his brother T.D. Conway,

Dakota Conway finished with five catches for 88 yards.

California goes to Beth-Center Friday.

Frazier 21, Burgettstown 20

Sophomore Kyle Rodriguez kicked his third extra point to give the Commodores a nail-biting overtime win at home in the Black Hills Conference.

Burgettstown's Zach Schilinski scored on a 7-yard pass from Dylan Bongiorni to start the overtime, but Andrew Todd missed the extra point.

Frazier (33, 2-2) knotted the score when Chase Kirmeyer went over from the 1 before Rodriguez came through with the game-winner.

Burgettstown (3-3, 2-2) forced the extra period when Todd kicked the extra point after catching an 11-yard touchdown pass from Bongiorni in the third quarter to knot the score at 14.

Frazier led 14-7 at halftime on TD runs of 2 yards by Kirmeyer and 38 yards by James Kline.

Kline finished with 119 yards on 16 carries with Kirmeyer adding 110 yards on 28 carries.

The Commodores are home again Friday with Burgettstown.

Serra 13, Bentworth 0

In another Black Hills, the Bearcats lost their fifth straight despite holding the high-scoring Eagles to 13 points, 25 under their average.

Serra (5-1, 3-1) scored in the first quarter on Rob Heatherington's 4-yard run and Kyle Taylor's 1-yard run in the third quarter.

Bentworth (1-5, 0-4) hosts Avella Friday.

Weather slows down Charleroi in 14-7 victory

Cougars need late touchdown pass to slip by Waynesburg.

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"We just couldn't get anything going and it was tough to do much in those conditions."

Charleroi coach Luke Mollis

CHARLEROI — A week ago, when his Charleroi Cougars played at Jeannette, Coach Luke Mollis was glad to see as much rain as possible.

That's because the slicker the conditions, the more Jeannette's speed advantage was negated.

And the Cougars came away with a 26-20 upset win.

It was for that same reason Mollis was concerned last night when Waynesburg traveled to rainy Charleroi Stadium for an Interstate Conference quagmire.

The game was played during a steady rain on a field that more resembled a pig pen long before the end of the first quarter.

"I don't want to take anything away from Waynesburg because we saw them on film and knew it was going to be a tough game," Mollis said. "But just like how the weather affected Jeannette last week, it made us really even tonight.

"We just couldn't get anything going and it was tough to do much in those conditions."

The contest was tied 7-7 and seemed like a sure bet to head into overtime before Charleroi's Tom Thorpe hooked up with Kyle Shannon for a 28-yard touchdown pass with 59 seconds to play to give the hosts a hard-earned, sloppy 14-7 win.

"I never liked playing in the mud," smiled Mollis, a one-time Charleroi standout during his playing days. "But both teams had to play in it."

Thorpe's TD pass to a wide-open Shannon came on a fourth-and-5 play and capped a determined second half effort by the Cougars (5-1, 5-1) on both sides of the ball.

Charleroi trailed 7-0 at halftime and only managed 64 yards offensively while turning the ball over three times on five fumbles.

The second half was another story as the Cougars used a Quinten Briggs-led attack to churn up 160 yards and score twice.

Meanwhile, the Cougars' defense held the Raiders (1-5, 1-5) to 11 total yards and no first downs in the final two quarters.

"We played much better in the second half," Mollis said. "The key was our offense didn't fumble the ball and our defense, really, played well all night."

The Raiders took advantage of one of Charleroi's lost fumbles in the first half to take a 7-0 lead.

After Thorpe put the slippery ball in the mud and Waynesburg recovered at the Charleroi 40, the visitors needed just five plays to get on the scoreboard.

John Sinnott rambled in from 14 yards to make it 7-0 with 10:25 left in the half.

Charleroi coughed the ball up again on its next two possessions, but the Cougar defense kept the hosts within striking distance going into halftime.

In the second half, the Cougars managed to hold on to the ball and tied the game on their first possession.

Charleroi drove 75 yards in seven plays with Briggs carrying on every play, including a 3-yard touchdown run midway through the quarter.

The drive was highlighted by a 40-yard run by Briggs to the Waynesburg 25.

"We tried to keep running to the short side of the field, trying to stay out of the mud," Mollis explained his team's second half offensive success.

Briggs rushed for 174 yards on 33 carries, including 130 yards on 23 pops after intermission.

The hosts' winning series started on the Waynesburg 45 with 3:15 to play.

After getting a first down, Charleroi was left with a fourth-and-5 at the 28. That's when Thorpe rolled out and found Shannon all alone in the end zone for the game-winning score.

"I told the players at halftime if you want to be a champion, this is the kind of game you have to win," said Mollis. "We found out a lot about this team tonight."

NOTES: Charleroi held a commanding 30-15 edge in offensive plays in the second half with 23 of those plays being runs by Briggs ... The Raiders had negative yards in the second half until quarterback Stephen McCaw connected with Sinnott for a 16-yard pass play on the next to last play of the game ... After Waynesburg scored early in the second quarter, the Raiders failed to get a first down the rest of the night ... Charleroi hosts McGuffey Friday night.

SPORTS

Before injury, Adams hurts Yough

Greensburg Salem back gets 116 yards before hurting shoulder.

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Greensburg Salem running back Matt Adams only lasted a few plays into the second quarter against Yough before he left the game with a shoulder injury.

He did enough damage while he was in the game to help the Golden Lions to their fifth consecutive victory, a 33-13 win over the Cougars that solidified their position atop the Keystone Conference.

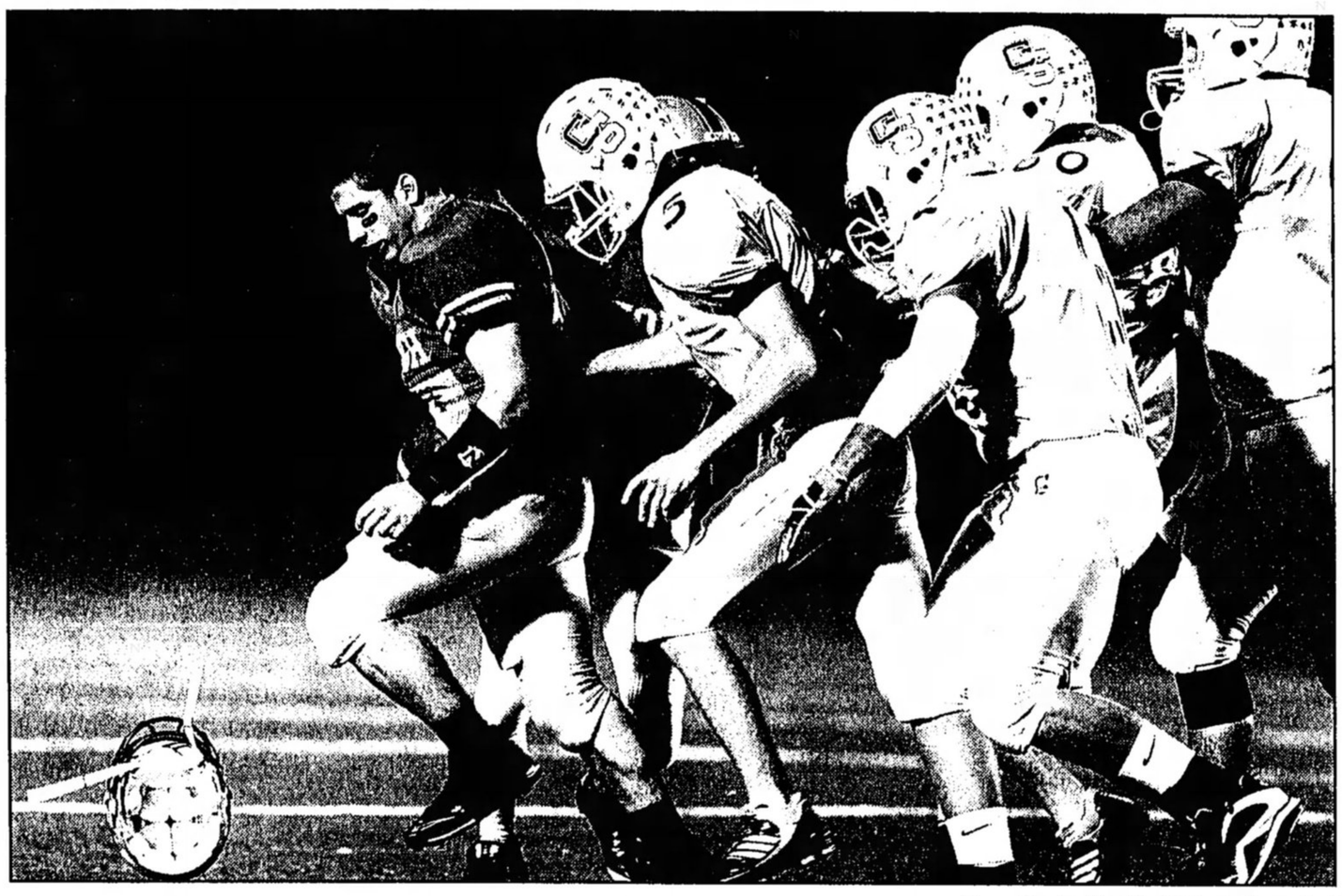
"We just tried to establish ourselves early running the ball, and we were able to do that," Greensburg Salem coach Casey Cavanaugh said. "We lost our rhythm for a while, and it deflated our kids a little bit when they saw him hurt."

Adams carried 16 times for 116 yards and a touchdown before he was forced out three plays into the second quarter. He was replaced in the lineup by Ryan Short, but it was obvious Greensburg Salem (5-1, 3-0) missed his punishing presence in the backfield.

It is unclear how severe Adams' injury is, but he will be further examined and evaluated as the team prepares for next week's game against Southmoreland.

"We're hoping that it's just something minor," Cavanaugh said. "But we're taking every precaution, and we're not going to take any chances with him."

Without Adams, quarterback Nate Sphon picked up the slack running the ball. Sphon carried 18 times for 99 yards, including two first-half touchdowns that helped Greensburg Salem build a 26-0 lead at the intermission. He made a living off the option right, which he cut up field several times for double-digit gains.



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Yough running back Matt Gross loses his helmet while being pursued by Greensburg Salem defenders, from left, Ben Miller, Travis Forrai, Dan Nacey and Vince Mongelluzzo during the first quarter Friday.

The Golden Lions also had two drives stall in Yough territory, including their final march of the first half, when they ran out of time with the ball at the Cougars 11-yard line.

"The line was blocking great," Sphon said. "That's one of our best plays, and we're going to run the heck out of it."

For Yough (1-5, 1-3), it was almost a continuation of its loss at Albert Gallatin the week before. The Cougars committed four first-half turnovers, including a first-quarter fumble that was returned 25 yards for a touchdown by Greensburg Salem defensive lineman Chris Wertz.

In a 28-2 loss last week, Yough turned the ball over six times — five in the first half — as the Colonials built a 28-0 lead the intermission.

Yough scored its first touchdown in two weeks, a 70-yard screen pass from Brandon Gelet to running back Matt Gross, but that only closed the gap to 26-7 with 1:52 remaining in the third quarter.

"Turnovers were a major factor, and that's two weeks in a row with turnovers to start a football game early," first-year Yough coach Jim Ward said. "When you have an inexperienced team in a transition period, those are mistakes you can't afford. "

Yough did, however, have one key opportunity to alter the momentum and take the lead early in the contest. On its first drive, Greensburg Salem turned it over on downs on its own 36, but after picking up a first down, the Cougars got as far as the Golden Lions' 13 before a botched snap stopped them cold on kicker Daniel Moore's 30-yard field-goal attempt.

No contest as TJ blasts EF

"Business-like" Big 7 leaders continue dominance over Warriors.

By MARK KABOLY
For The Valley Independent

The only decision that Bill Cherpak made that even bordered the possibility of controversial was going for it on a 4th-and-goal at the 8-yard line with 20 seconds left in the first half.

Instead, he let his players do the talking.

Cherpak called only 13 passing plays, 12 of which came in the first half, and removed most of his starters by the beginning of the fourth quarter and it still didn't matter.

Thomas Jefferson handed visiting and rival Elizabeth Forward yet another beating and yet another shutout as the Jaguars rolled up 481 total yards to hand the Warriors a convincing 49-0 Big 7 Conference defeat. I TJ (6-0, 3-0) has shut out EF (3-3, 2-2) in four of its past six meetings and have outscored the Warriors 312-14 in that span. The Warriors haven't beaten their rivals since 1989.

"Our guys are so business-like," Cherpak said. "It is so business-like.

Look at them over there. We are supposed to win. They expect them to win. No one cares if we scored 49 points or if they are our rivals.

They just want to win.î"

Cathell got so upset with TJ's dominance over EF that he went as far as making some unflattering comments in the direction of Cherpak and the Jaguars football program after last year's 35-0 loss.

This year, the two veteran coaches shook hands at the center of the field afterwards and that was that.

The entire incident from last year was never mentioned this week,

Cherpak said. "You know what, I really don't care what he thinks of me, I really don't."

Cathell didn't divulge his feeling about Cherpak following this game, but was sure impressed with what he saw from the Jaguars.

"They are good," Cathell said. "You can't take anything away from them.

They came at our defense and our defense has been pretty stout all year. They are a good football team and it just wasn't our night.î"

Cathell and the Warriors were reminded once again that it's never anybody's night when they play Thomas Jefferson.

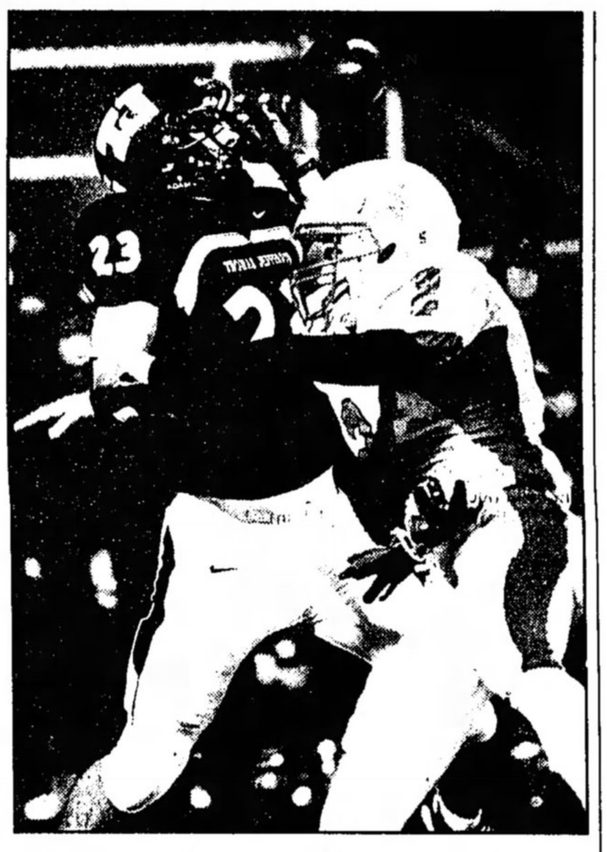
The Jaguars got 195 yards and three long touchdown runs from sophomore tailback Ryan Ruffing while teammate Kevin Edmonson added 113 yards and a score as the Jaguars rolled up 328 on the ground behind the blocking of linemen Shane McNally, Dan Pastore, Chad Mason, Dylan Baxendell and Chris Heim.

"The one-two punch we have with Ryan and Kevin — this is really the first real game we had both of them," Cherpak said. "Kevin has been injured, Ryan was banged up. This was the first opportunity that they had to run together and they were pretty potent."

Sam Johnston went 8-of-13 through the air for 123 yards and added a touchdown run and a 8-yard scoring strike to Jim Giansante. Giansante caught 5 passes for 83 yards and a score.

"We didn't care what the score was," Cherpak said. "We just wanted to get better than what we were the previous week."

EF couldn't muster any offense whatsoever. The Warriors had 93 total yards in which 68 came in the first half. Some of that had to do with TJ's defense, but a good bit had to do with Cathell being forced to move his best offensive threat in Greg Sotereanos from running back to right guard.



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Thomas Jefferson's Jim Giansante, left, can't pull in a pass over EF defender Robert Oprosky.

"We didn't have any other choice," Cathell said. "And he may end up playing there for a while. We will see what happens."

Sotereanos, EF's leading rusher with 97 carries for 515 yards and four touchdowns, was forced to move to right guard because of a concussion Ben Hoover suffered a week ago.

"We had to go to something just a little bit different than what we were used to running," Cathell said. "When you are trying to go against the No. 1 team in the state and trying to fiddle around with stuff it is bound not to work."

Cherpak said he wasn't even aware that Sotereanos was moved to guard.

"I dón't know," Cherpak said. "I don't pay attention. I just know they didn't run the wing-t like they used to. I was more worried about us."

It looked like the move was going to work for Cathell early on.

EF put together its best drive on its initial drive. The Warriors gained 20 yards on its first three plays. They would manage only 48 over their final 19 of the first half.

Thomas Jefferson, meanwhile, didn't have many problems moving the football and scoring points either. Ruffing faced 62 yards on the Jags'

second play from scrimmage to take a quick 7-0 lead.

After a three-and-out by EF, it was Ruffing once again. The sophomore tailback went for 12, 1 and 1 yards before busting off a 38-yard score to make it 14-0.

TJ's first six offensive plays resulted in 115 total yards - all by Ruffing.

"We couldn't stop their counter," Cathell said.

The scored remained 14-0 until late in the first half when the Jags hung two quick scores on the board. Sam Johnston's 1-yard plunge capped a 9-play, 49-yard drive to make it 21-0.

EF's third three-and-out of the half gave the Jags the ball back one last time before the half. Johnston completed three passes to Giansante with the final one coming from 8-yards out on 4th-and-goal with 20 seconds left to give the Jaguars a 28-0 advantage.

Teixeira's dramatic homer sinks Twins

Yankees head to Minnesota with 2-0 series lead.

By JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira and Alex Rodriguez stood together as Yankee Stadium roared.

Teixeira had the chills. Rodriguez had a smile that said it all — a satisfied look after putting years of postseason failure behind him.

Teixeira hit a leadoff drive in the 11th inning to give New York a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night and a 2-0 lead in their AL playoff series. Game 2 was full of missed chances, plus a big miss by an umpire.

The first-year Yankees star connected against Jose Mijares, hitting a drive that skipped off the top of the left-field wall and into the rollicking, sellout crowd. He tossed aside his batting helmet as he approached home before being mobbed by his teammates.

"I don't think there's anything better in sports," Teixeira said. "Best place to play in the world."

Rodriguez hit a tying, two-run homer off Joe Nathan in the ninth after a leadoff single by Teixeira. Rodriguez also had his third two-out RBI single of the series as the Yankees patched together their first 2-0 postseason start since 1999 against Texas.

Before this series, the enigmatic slugger was hitless in his previous 18 playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

Associated Press

Mark Teixeira connects on his game-winning home run Friday.

"This whole year I'm playing with no expectations," said Rodriguez, who missed the first month of the season after hip surgery. "I'm going out and having fun doing the best that I can."

Minnesota was hurt by a blown call by left-field umpire Phil Cuzzi in the top of the 11th. Joe Mauer started the inning with a drive down the line that appeared to go off Melky Cabrera's glove before clearly landing about a foot inside the line and bouncing into the stands.

Cuzzi said it was foul — it's been a tough week for umpires, with several missed calls — and Mauer ended up with a single when he should have had a ground-rule double.

"You can't see at all from the dugout, but I think we all know the ball was fair by a long ways," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Nathan was watching the play on a TV in the visiting clubhouse.

"I wasn't the only one who had a tough night," he said. "You don't know how he missed it. There's no red flag we can throw out there to get an instant replay."

Minnesota went on to load the bases with no outs but failed to score when David Robertson retired three straight batters. Delmon Young lined out to Teixeira at first, Mauer was cut down at home on Carlos Gomez's grounder and Brendan Harris flied out.

Crew chief Tim Tschida said he looked at Mauer's ball after the game and admitted it was a blown call. "There's a guy sitting over in the umpire's dressing room right now that feels horrible," Tschida said. "Nobody feels it worse than the umpire."

Angels 4, Red Sox 1.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — With Jered Weaver picking up right where John Lackey left off for the Los Angeles Angels, not even Josh Beckett could keep the Boston Red Sox from the brink of playoff elimination.

Weaver yielded two hits while dominating Boston into the eighth inning, and Maicer Izturis drove home the tiebreaking run in Los Angeles' 4-1 victory over the Red Sox on Friday night, extending the Angels' first-round lead to 2-0.

Game 3 is early Sunday at Fenway Park, with Boston's Clay Buchholz facing Angels newcomer Scott Kazmir.

SPORTS DIGEST

Phoenix captures WNBA crown

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Mercury are WNBA champions for the second time in three seasons, leaning on their 'big three' to pull out a 94-86 victory over the tenacious Indiana Fever in the deciding Game 5 Friday night.

Diana Taurasi, Cappie Pondexter and Penny Taylor — the trio that led the team to its 2007 title — did it again in 2009.

League and finals MVP Taurasi scored 26 points, Pondexter had 24, and Taylor sank two crucial free throws with 37.7 seconds left as the Mercury held off a late rally to win the intense series 3-2.

Nevada rolls over Louisiana Tech

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Colin Kaepernick passed for three touchdowns and ran for two more, including a 67-yarder, to help Nevada beat Louisiana Tech 37-14 on Friday night for coach Chris Ault's 200th career victory.

Kaepernick finished with 166 yards passing and 89 yards rushing, and Vai Taua added 107 yards on the ground for Nevada (2-3, 1-0 Western Athletic Conference) in its fifth straight victory over the Bulldogs (2-3, 1-1).

Ault, 200-94-1 in 25 seasons at Nevada, is one of six active coaches in the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision to top the 200 mark, joining Penn State's Joe Paterno (387-128-3), Florida State's Bobby Bowden (384-126-4), Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer (223-113-4), Ohio State's Jim Tressel (222-77-2) and Texas' Mack Brown (205-100-1).

Trivia answer

Greg Landry in 1972.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	4	3	1	0	6	14	10
Philadelphia	4	3	1	0	6	17	12
Pittsburgh	4	3	1	0	6	12	12
New Jersey	3	1	2	0	2	8	11
N.Y. Islanders	2	0	0	2	2	5	7

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	3	2	1	0	4	7	8
Montreal	4	2	2	0	4	10	15
Buffalo	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Boston	3	1	2	0	2	9	12
Toronto	3	0	2	1	1	8	12

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	2	1	1	5	18	15
Atlanta	2	2	0	0	4	10	5
Carolina	4	2	2	0	4	11	12
Florida	3	1	2	0	2	6	14
Tampa Bay	3	0	1	2	2	7	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	6	4
Columbus	3	2	1	0	4	10	10
St. Louis	3	2	1	0	4	11	10
Chicago	3	1	1	1	3	9	7
Detroit	3	1	2	0	2	9	11

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	5	4	1	0	8	19	17
Colorado	3	2	1	0	4	10	5
Edmonton	3	1	1	1	3	11	12
Minnesota	3	1	2	0	2	8	11
Vancouver	4	1	3	0	2	13	14

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	3	2	1	0	4	15	13
Phoenix	3	2	1	0	4	10	5
San Jose	4	2	2	0	4	16	15
Dallas	3	1	0	2	4	11	10
Anaheim	3	1	1	1	3	10	8

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Baseball playoffs

Friday

New York 4, Minnesota 3, 11 innings, New York leads series 2-0

Boston (Beckett 17-6) at Los Angeles (Weaver 16-8), 9:37 p.m.

Today

Los Angeles (Padilla 4-0) at St. Louis (Pineiro 15-12), 6:07 p.m.

Philadelphia (P.Martinez 5-1 or Blanton 12-8) at Colorado (Hammel 10-8), 9:37 p.m.

Sunday

Los Angeles (Kazmir 10-9) at Boston (Buchholz 7-4), 12:07 p.m.

x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, 3:37 p.m.

New York (Pettitte 14-8) at Minnesota (Pavano 14-12), 7:07 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	74	57
New England	3	1	0	.750	87	71
Miami	1	3	0	.250	81	79
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	74	110

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	0	0	1.000	106	62
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	97	86
Houston	2	2	0	.500	94	92
Tennessee	0	4	0	.000	75	108

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	124	80
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	84	76
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	85	78
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	49	118

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	79	26
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	42	86
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	64	112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	107	64
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	96	78
Washington	2	2	0	.500	56	62

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	144	66
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	54	107

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	118	80
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	105	78
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	104	93
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	83	134

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	102	53
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68
Seattle	1	3	0	.250	74	82
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	24	108

Sunday, Oct. 11

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m.
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 12

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WNBA Finals

Best of Five

Friday

Phoenix 94, Indiana 86, Phoenix wins series 3-2

Ian White and the Toronto Maple Leafs will host the Penguins at 7 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Weekend sports dial

Today

Television

11 a.m. - WPXI - Presidents Cup, golf.

Noon - ESPN - Auburn at Arkansas, college football.

Noon - ESPN2 - Purdue at Minnesota, college football.

12:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Oklahoma State at Texas A&M, college football.

12:30 p.m. - Versus - Iowa State at Kansas, college football.

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Pepsi 500, auto racing.

3:30 p.m. - WTAE - Connecticut at Pitt, college football.

3:30 p.m. - KDKA - Alabama at Mississippi, college football.

4 p.m. - Versus - Firestone Indy 300, auto racing.

4:40 p.m. - ESPN2 - Copart 300, auto racing.

6 p.m. - WTBS - Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis, baseball.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Pittsburgh at Toronto, hockey.

7:15 p.m. - ESPN - Colorado at Texas, college football.

8 p.m. - WTAE - Michigan at Iowa, college football.

8 p.m. - KDKA - Florida at LSU, college football.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Georgia Tech at Florida State, college football.

8:30 p.m. - WGN - Chicago vs Milwaukee, pro basketball.

9:30 p.m. - WTBS - Philadelphia at Colorado, baseball.

9:30 p.m. - TNT - Golden State vs Phoenix, pro basketball.

Sunday

Television

9 a.m. - Golf Channel - Madrid Masters, golf.

Noon - WPXI - Presidents Cup, golf.

1 p.m. - KDKA - Pittsburgh at Detroit, pro football.

3:15 p.m. - WTAE - Pepsi 500, auto racing.

4 p.m. - WPGH - Atlanta at San Francisco, pro football.

4 p.m. - KDKA - New England at Denver, pro football.

5 p.m. - ESPN - Bourbon Turf Stakes and Juddmonte Spinster Stakes, horse racing.

8:15 p.m. - WPXI - Indianapolis at Tennessee, pro football.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Announced OF Dewayne Wise refused his outright assignment to Charlotte (IL), making him a free agent.

DETROIT TIGERS—Announced coach Andy Van Slyke has decided to pursue other opportunities and will not return to the staff in 2010.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Sent P Kevin Cameron, RHP Dan Giese and RHP Edgar Gonzalez and C Eric Munson outright to Sacramento (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Fired director of player development Dick Scott, Las Vegas (PCL) manager Mike Basso and scout Rob Ducey. Named Charlie Wilson director-minor league operations, Doug Davis minor league field coordinator, Andrew Tinnish director amateur scouting, Perry Minasian director of professional scouting and Jon Lalonde professional scout.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Acquired INF Tony Abreu from the Los Angeles Dodgers to complete an earlier trade.

FLORIDA MARLINS COACHES—Agreed to terms hitting coach Jim Presley, bench coach Carlos Tosca, and bullpen coordinator Pierre Arsenault on one-year contracts. Announced third base-outfield coach Bo Porter and bullpen coach Steve Foster declined offers to return. Released RHP Scott Proctor and LHP Dave Davidson. Sent 2B Andy Gonzalez and RHP Dallas Trahern outright to New Orleans (PCL).

HOUSTON ASTROS—Sent INF German Duran, RHP Chad Paronto and RHP Billy Sadler outright to Round Rock (PCL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Tennessee DL Tony Brown $10,000 for helmet-to-helmet contact with Jacksonville QB David Garrard; Dallas DT Jay Ratliff $7,500 for helmet-to-helmet contact with Denver QB Kyle Orton; New England DT Mike Wright $5,000 for hitting Baltimore QB Joe Flacco in the head; Baltimore DT Haloti Ngata $5,000 for hitting New England QB Tom Brady in the head; Chicago DE Adewale Ogunleye $7,500 for a horse-collar tackle against Detroit, and Detroit CB Anthony Henry $7,500 for a horse-collar tackle against Chicago.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed OL Phil Trautwein to the practice squad. Released DL Keith Grennan.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Fined Edmonton coach Pat Quinn $10,000 for inappropriate public comments made following an Oct. 8 game against Calgary.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned LW Bryan Bickell to Rockford (AHL).

DALLAS STARS—Activated C Warren Peters from injured reserve and assigned him to Texas (AHL).

Latest Line

BEST BET: Colorado State is 5-23-1 vs. the spread its last 29 games as an underdog coming off a straight-up loss. The Rams are also 0-5-1 vs. the spread the last 6 games in this series. Utah is 36-16-2 vs. the spread its last 54 games following a straight-up win. The Utes are also 11-1 vs. the spread their last 12 games with rest coming off a win and 6-1-1 vs. the spread their last 8 games played in the month of October. Take Utah -8 for another Best Bet winner. Other plays include Wake Forest -13 vs. Maryland, Kent St +2 vs. Bowling Green, and Lsu +7 1/2 vs. Florida. In baseball, take St. Louis over Los Angeles and Colorado over Philadelphia.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 11		
Week Five		
Minnesota	10 (41)	ST. LOUIS
Dallas	7 1/2 (42)	KAN. CITY
CAROLINA	3 1/2 (37)	Washington
PHILADELPHIA	14 1/2(42)	Tampa Bay
NY GIANTS	14 1/2(38)	Oakland
BUFFALO	6 (41)	Cleveland
BALTIMORE	8 1/2 (42)	Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	10 1/2(44)	DETROIT
SAN FRAN	2 1/2 (41)	Atlanta
New England	3 (41)	DENVER
ARIZONA	5 1/2 (50)	Houston
SEATTLE	1 (43)	Jacksonville
Indianapolis	4 (46)	TENNESSEE
Monday, Oct 12		
NY Jets	2 (36)	MIAMI

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
West Virginia	10	SYRACUSE
Michigan St	4	ILLINOIS
VA TECH	13 1/2	Boston College
C. MICHIGAN	23	Eastern Michigan
NC ST	15	Duke
WAKE FOREST	13	Maryland
VIRGINIA	7	Indiana
MINNESOTA	3 1/2	Purdue
PITTSBURGH	6 1/2	Connecticut
N'WESTERN	18	Miami-Ohio
KANSAS	19	Iowa St
Alabama	4 1/2	MISSISSIPPI
TEMPLE	14	Ball St
Vanderbilt	10 1/2	ARMY
WYOMING	10	New Mexico
MISSISSIPPI ST	2 1/2	Houston
Arizona	3 1/2	WASHINGTON
Bowling Green	2	KENT ST
Stanford	Pick	OREGON ST
TENNESSEE	1	Georgia
Marshall	4	TULANE
TEXAS TECH	16	Kansas St
TEXAS	33	Colorado
FLORIDA ST	3	Georgia Tech
OHIO ST	16	Wisconsin
Oklahoma St	5 1/2	TEXAS A&M
Arizona St	21	WASH. ST
Ohio	3	AKRON
Utah	8	COLORADO ST
Oregon	3 1/2	UCLA
TOLEDO	9	W. Michigan
So. Miss	1 1/2	LOUISVILLE
S. CAROLINA	9 1/2	Kentucky
Auburn	2	ARKANSAS
OKLAHOMA	28	Baylor
Navy	11	RICE
Tcu	10	AIR FORCE
East Carolina	6	SMU
Florida	7 1/2	LSU
IOWA	8	Michigan
Utah St	10 1/2	N. MEXICO ST
Texas El Paso	2	MEMPHIS
SAN JOSE ST	4	Idaho
Byu	16 1/2	UNLV
Fresno St	10 1/2	HAWAII
Fla Inter.	5	W. KENTUCKY
UL-LAFAYETTE	6	North Texas
PENN ST	38	Eastern Illinois
MIAMI-FLA	38	Florida A&M
N. CAROLINA	25	Ga Southern
RUTGERS	49 1/2	Texas Southern
BUFFALO	15 1/2	Gardner Webb

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Division Series-Best of Five		
National League		
LA Dodgers lead series 2-0		
ST. LOUIS	7 1/2-8 1/2	LA
Series is tied at 1-1		
COLORADO	Even-6	Philadelphia

NHL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
OTTAWA	Even-1/2	Atlanta
BOSTON	1-1 1/2	NY Islanders
Pittsburgh	Even-1/2	TORONTO
New Jersey	Even-1/2	FLORIDA
PHILADELPHIA	Even-1/2	Anaheim
DETROIT	Even-1/2	Washington
TAMPA BAY	Even-1/2	Carolina
ST. LOUIS	Even-1/2	Los Angeles
NASHVILLE	Even-1/2	Buffalo
CHICAGO	1/2-1	Colorado
PHOENIX	Even-1/2	Columbus
EDMONTON	Even-1/2	Montreal
SAN JOSE	1/2-1	Minnesota

Big East football

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Cincinnati	1	0	5	0
USF	1	0	5	0
Pittsburgh	1	0	4	1
Connecticut	0	0	3	1
West Virginia	0	0	3	1
Rutgers	0	1	3	1
Syracuse	0	1	2	3
Louisville	0	1	1	3

Today

West Virginia at Syracuse, noon (Big East Network)

Texas Southern at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m.

Connecticut at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Southern Mississippi at Louisville, 7:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

NBA preseason

Friday's Games

Orlando 113, Houston 104
Dallas 123, Washington 115
Philadelphia 93, New Jersey 92
Boston 96, New York 82
Toronto 112, Minnesota 97
San Antonio 107, Olympiacos 89
Golden State 110, L.A. Lakers 91
L.A. Clippers 97, Portland 85

Today's Games

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 2 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Charlotte at North Charleston, S.C., 7:30 p.m.

Chicago vs. Milwaukee at Green Bay, Wis., 8:30 p.m.

Golden State vs. Phoenix at Palm Springs, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana vs. Denver at Beijing, Midnight
New Jersey at Boston, 1 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 3 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Football summaries

Belle Vernon Area 21, Trinity 6

BV Area	0	7	7	7	- 21
Trinity	0	0	0	6	- 6

BV Area - Green (3, run) Walko (kick)
BV Area - Dilmore (2,run) Walko (kick)
BV Area - Green (10, run) Walko (kick)
Trinity - Avolio (48, pass from Martin)

Team statistics

	BVA	Trin
First downs	13	9
Yds rushing	182	140
Yds passing	72	100
Passes	4-9-0	6-17-2
Fumbles,lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties, yds	5-35	1-15
Punts, ave.	5-40	3-2

Individual statistics

Rushing

BV Area -Green, 33 for 143 yds, 2 tds; Lynn, 4 for 25 yds; McNeil, 4 for 9 yds;Sewchek, 1 for 3 yds; Dilmore, 4 for 2 yds, 1 td.

Trinity - Richards, 3 for 37 yds; Miller, 12 for 26 yds; Steratore, 2 for 21 yds;Avolio, 1 for 14 yds; Martin, 2 for 10 yds; Preston, 3 for 9 yds; Bombash, 1 for 2 yds.

Passing

BV Area - Dilmore, 4 of 9 for 72 yds.

Trinity - Steratore, 2 of 8 for 8 yds, 1 int; Martin, 4 of 9 for 92 yds; 1 td, 1 int.

Pass receiving

BV Area - Burritt, 2 for 40 yds; Campbell, 1 fo 24 yds; Dobbins, 1 for 8 yds.

Trinity - Havrilak, 2 for 15 yds; Billie, 2 for 15 yds; Avolio, 1 for 48 yds, 1 td; Cleveland, 1 for 22 yds.

Charleroi 14, Waynesburg 7

Waynesburg	0	7	0	0	- 7
Charleroi	0	0	7	7	- 14

Waynesburg - Sinnott (14 run) Remsing (kick)

Charleroi - Briggs (3 run) Black (kick)

Charleroi - Shannon (28 pass from Thorpe) Black (kick)

Team statistics

	Char	Way
First downs	10	5
Rushing yds	194	31
Passing yds	40	26
Passes	2-4	3-6
Intercepted	0	0
Fumbles, lost	5-3	5-1
Penalties, yds	1-15	5-60
Punts, ave	2-30	6-29

Team statistics

Rushing

Charleroi - Briggs, 33 for 174 yds, td; Shannon, 3 for 10 yds; Thorpe, 7 for 11 yds; Altemara, 2 for 9 yds.

Waynesburg - Sinnott, 23 for 48 yds, td; Brown, 1 for 2 yds; Zuppa, 2 for -4 yds; McCaw, 8 for -15 yds.

Passing

Charleroi - Thorpe, 2 of 4, 40 yds, td.

Waynesburg - McCaw, 3 of 6, 26 yds.

Receiving

Charleroi - Shannon, 1 for 28 yds, td; Linn, 1 for 12 yds.

Waynesburg - Sinnott, 1 for 15 yds; Stillwagon, 1 for 11 yds; Kabay, 1 for 0 yds.

Chartiers Valley 24, Ringgold 22

Chartiers Valley	15	6	0	3	- 24
Ringgold	7	3	6	6	- 22

Ringgold - Patch (79, run) Fransko (kick)

Chartiers Valley - Carson (24, run) Barrett (recovered fumble in end zone)

Chartiers Valley - LaMonde (2, run) Pacella (kick)

Chartiers Valley - Adms (4, run)

Ringgold - FG, Fransko (27)

Ringgold - Patch (26, run)

Ringgold - Patch (71, run)

Chartiers Valley - FG, Pacella (32)

Thomas Jefferson 49, Elizabeth Forward 0

Elizabeth	0	0	0	0	- 0
T. Jefferson	14	14	14	7	- 49

TJ - Ruffing (73, run) Wainasukis (kick)

TJ - Giansante (8, pass from Johnston) Wainauskis (kick)

TJ - Johnston (1, run) Wainauskis (kick)

TJ - Ruffing (38, run) Wainauskis (kick)

TJ - Ruffing (62, run) Wainauskis (kick)

TJ - Edmonson (4, run) Wainasukis (kick)

TJ - Androeola (1, run) Wainauskis (kick)

Frazier 21, Burgettstown 20

Burgettstown	0	7	7	0	6	- 20
Frazier	7	7	0	0	7	- 21

Frazier - Kirmeyer (2, run) Rodriguez (kick)

Burgettstown - Schilinski (5, pass from Bongiorni) Todd (kick)

Frazier - Kline (38, run) Rodriguez (kick)

Burgettstown - Todd (11, pass from Bongiorni) Todd (kick)

Burgettstolwn - Schilinski (7, pass from Bongiorni) Topdd (kick0

Frazier - Kirmeyer (1, run) Rodriguez (kick)

Serra 13, Bentworth 0

Bentworth	0	0	0	0	- 0
Serra	7	0	6	0	- 13

Serra - Heatherington (4, run)

Serra - Taylor (1, run) Serzich (kick)

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Edinboro	3	0	5	1
California	3	0	4	2
Slippery Rock	2	1	5	1
Mercyhurst	2	1	3	3
Clarion	2	1	3	3
Indiana	0	3	3	3
Gannon	0	3	2	4
Lock Haven	0	3	0	5

Today

Noon - Gannon at Mercyhurst
2 p.m. - Edinboro at Indiana
6 p.m. - California at Lock Haven

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Columbus	12	5	10	46	40	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	9	8	38	32	36
D.C.	8	8	12	36	40	42
Toronto FC	9	10	8	35	35	40
Kansas City	8	11	8	32	29	35
New York	4	18	6	18	22	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Chivas USA	12	9	5	41	28	25
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
Real SaltLake	9	11	7	34	38	34
FC Dallas	9	12	6	33	45	43
San Jose	7	12	7	28	32	43

Today

San Jose at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.

Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Kansas City at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

High school football standings

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	League W	League L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	4	0	6	0
Thomas Jefferson	3	0	6	0
West Mifflin	2	1	5	1
Belle Vernon Area	1	2	3	3
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	3	3
Trintty	1	3	1	5
Ringgold	0	3	2	4

Friday

Belle Vernon Area 21, Trinity 6
Thomas Jefferson 49, Elizabeth 0
Chartiers Valley 24, Ringgold 22
West Mifflin 31, Uniontown17

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	3	0	5	1
Laurel Highlands	2	1	2	4
Uniontown	2	1	3	3
Albert Gallatin	2	2	3	3
Derry	2	2	2	4
Yough	1	3	1	5
Southmoreland	0	3	0	6

Friday

Greensburg Salem 33, Yough 13
Derry 12, Laurel Highlands 0
Albert Gallatin 39, S'moreland 0

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	6	0	6	0
Charleroi	5	1	5	1
Jeannette	5	1	5	1
McGuffey	4	2	4	2
Washington	4	2	4	2
Greensburg Central	4	2	4	2
Waynesburg	1	5	1	5
Brownsville	1	5	1	5
South Allegheny	0	6	0	6
East Allegheny	0	6	06	

Friday

Charleroi 14, Waynesburg 7
Mt. Pleasant 49, Brownsville 0
Jeannette 22, McGuffey 8
Grb. Central 27, East Allegheny 0
Washington 36, South Allegheny 0

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con.		Overall	
Monessen	3	0	3	2
Jefferson-Morgan	3	1	5	1
Beth-Center	3	1	4	2
California	3	1	4	2
Carmichaels	2	2	2	4
Geibel	1	2	2	3
West Greene	0	4	0	6
Mapletown	0	4	0	6

Friday

Carmichaels 44, California 26
Beth-Center 48, Mapletown 8
Jeff-Morgan 33, West Greene 0

Today

Monessen at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	4	0	5	1
Serra	3	1	5	1
Fort Cherry	2	2	4	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	2	4	2
Burgettstown	2	2	3	3
Frazier	2	2	3	3
Bentworth	0	4	1	5
Avella	1	3	2	4

Friday

Clairton 63, C-Houston 3
Avella 22, Fort Cherry 21
Serra 13, Bentworth 0
Frazier 21, Burgettsown 20

High school football scores

Albert Gallatin 39, Southmoreland 0

Aliquippa 13, Center 12
Ambridge 35, Moon 25
Avella 22, Fort Cherry 21
Avonworth 27, Carlynton 0
Beaver Falls 14, Beaver 0
Belle Vernon Area 21, Trinity 6
Bethel Park 16, Upper St. Clair 14
Beth-Center 48, Mapletown 8
Burrell 44, Apollo-Ridge 6
Canon-McMillan 41, Baldwin 26
Carmichaels 44, California 26
Charleroi 14, Waynesburg 7
Chartiers Valley 24, Ringgold 22
Clairton 63, Chartiers-Houston 3
Cornell 20, Northgate 12
Derry 12, Laurel Highlands 0
Erie McDowell 35, Latrobe 0
Frazier 21, Burgettstown 20
Freedom 27, New Brighton 22
Freeport 41, Valley 0
Gateway 55, Hempfield 0
Greensburg Central 27, East Allegheny 0
Greensburg Salem 33, Yough 13
Hopewell 49, Elwood City 7
Indiana 21, Highlands 7
Jeanette 22, McGuffey 8
Jefferson-Morgan 33, West Greene 0
Keystone Oaks 42, Canevin 3
Kittanning 30, Deer Lakes 0
Knoch 10, Hampton 7
Laurel 50, Union 6
Lebanon 33, Cocalico 13
Mars 14, Franklin Regional 0
McKeesport 44, Penn-Trafford 0
Mohawk 26, Ellwood City 14
Monaca 27, South Side Beaver 13
Mt. Lebanon 47, Peters Township 27
Mt. Pleasant 49, Brownsville 0
Neshannock 17, Western Beaver 6
New Castle 7, Montour 0
North Allegheny 28, Shaler 17
Norwin 34, Connellsville 6
Perry Traditional Academy 29, Allderdice 6
Pine-Richland 28, Butler 6
Central Catholic 27, Penn Hills 6
Plum 23, Fox Chapel 6
Seneca Valley 21, North Hills 14
Serra Catholic 13, Bentworth 0
South Fayette 21, Seton-LaSalle 14
South Park 16, Quaker Valley 6
Sto-Rox 26, Steel Valley 21
Summit Academy 37, West Shamokin 0
Thomas Jefferson 49, Elizabeth Forward 0
Washington 36, South Allegheny 0
West Allegheny 40, Blackhawk 0
West Mifflin 31, Uniontown 17
Westinghouse 43, Langley 0
Woodland Hills 36, Kiski Area 7

REMEMBER when?

Monessen's Tony Benjamin played for the Seattle Seahawks in 1978.

UConn preparing for Pitt's versatility

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Designing a defense that will be effective against Pitt has never been this difficult since coach Dave Wannstedt took over nearly five years ago.

A year ago, the Panthers offense largely consisted of LeSean McCoy running the ball — which he did for 1,488 yards and 21 touchdowns. The passing game never really took off, especially following quarterback Bill Stull's midseason concussion, yet the Panthers still finished 9-4.

Playing Pitt this season is like trying to defend against an NFL team, and not just because Wannstedt is the former Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins coach. Deciphering what the Panthers are doing and getting the best defenders on the field to match it can be a challenge, or exactly what Connecticut coach Randy Edsall expects today in Heinz Field.

Edsall ran down a list of about a dozen different personnel groups the Panthers use, some with tight ends Dorin Dickerson and Nate Byham switching in and out and others with them playing at the same time. He also said that wasn't all the Panthers (4-1, 1-0 Big East) are doing now that many in Wannstedt's first few recruiting classes are juniors and seniors.

"They're a very multiple team and we're going to have to be multiple with what we want to do," Edsall said.

Stull is the primary reason for the multiple personality Pitt's offense is taking on. Much improved from a year ago, Stull has thrown 11 touchdown passes and only one interception, with Dickerson (6 TD catches) and Jonathan Baldwin (nearly 20 yards per catch average) having big seasons. Stull has already thrown for two more touchdowns than he did last season.

"We want to maximize our possessions on every series," offensive coordinator Frank Cignetti said. "You're always looking for explosive plays from every area."

Connecticut (3-1, 0-0 Big East) is No. 4 nationally in total defense but it hasn't seen an offense this versatile. No doubt Edsall and his staff probably enjoyed having two weeks to prepare for UConn's Big East opener after the Huskies beat Rhode Island 52-10 on Sept. 26.

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SPORTS

Foote waiting for Steelers

Linebacker left Pittsburgh in a dispute over splitting playing time.

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Larry Foote wants to show and tell the Pittsburgh Steelers what they're missing.

"They made the wrong move," Foote said. "If we get the W, it'll be even sweeter."

It would also be surprising.

The lowly Lions (1-3) are a double-digit underdog Sunday at home against the defending champion Steelers (2-2).

Pittsburgh cut Foote in May after he asked to be traded or released because he didn't want to share time with Lawrence Timmons, who was drafted 15th overall two years ago by the Steelers.

"They knew I was a three-down linebacker," Foote said. "I think it came down to a political situation. They had the first-round pick behind me, they had to get him on the field and it took some of my snaps away."

After signing with his hometown team, Foote said he looked to see when the Steelers were on the schedule.

"I had it circled, highlighted and posted up," he said with an ear-to-ear grin.

Foote started every game the game for Pittsburgh the previous five seasons, including both Super Bowl victories, and left a lasting impression on and off the field with his solid play and likable personality.

Steelers linebacker James Farrior, probably Foote's best friend in Pittsburgh, said teams are always going to look to replace veteran players with younger ones. That fact hasn't made it easy for Farrior to move on without him.

"I think we all miss him," Farrior said. "I definitely miss him probably more than anybody else, just having him around and him being out on the practice field knowing I'm going to see him everyday, it's been a little different for me."

Playing for the Lions, the NFL's laughingstock for much of the decade, has been different without a doubt for Foote.

The Detroit native won almost twice as many games as he lost with the Steelers, who drafted him out of Michigan in the fourth round in 2002. He's playing for a team that celebrated as if it won the Super Bowl when it snapped a 19-game losing streak two weeks ago.

"I talked to him that night after they won their first game, he said the city was going crazy and everybody was all excited," Farrior recalled. "I told him that he shouldn't be excited like everybody else because he's used to winning."

Even if the Steelers are rolling toward a victory in the Motor City, Foote's mouth will still be running.

"There's going to be a lot of trash talking and jaw jacking of course," Foote said.

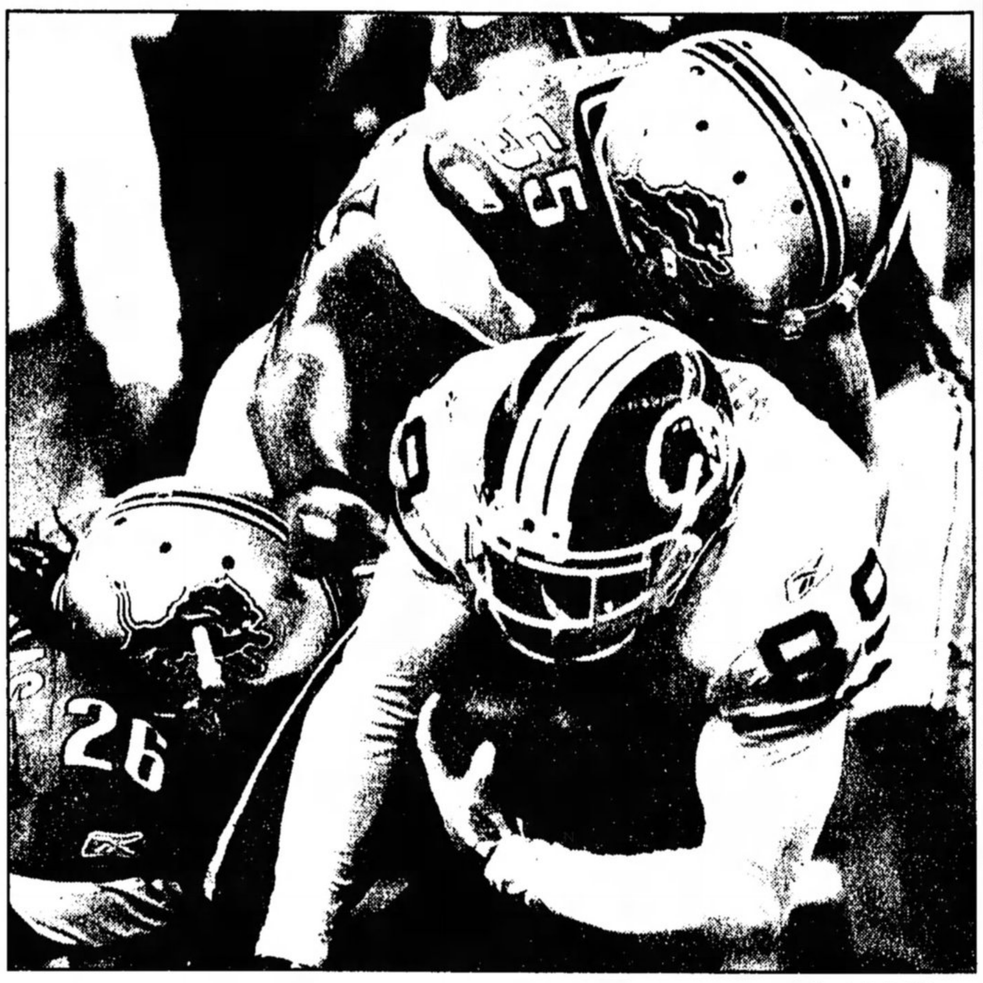
Foote has done more than just run his mouth with the Lions.

Detroit coach Jim Schwartz values his leadership, love of the game and Detroit, but said those assets would be moot if he was a washed-up linebacker.

"Those things don't matter if he's not a good player," Schwartz said. "He backs it up on the field and that's what makes him special. That's why he's helped this team."

Foote helped the Steelers win a Super Bowl during their last trip to Detroit on Feb. 5, 2006, when they beat the Seahawks.

The Super Bowl MVP from that game, however, doesn't plan to get too nostalgic.



Associated Press

Former Steeler Larry Foote (55) is looking forward to Sunday's matchup.

"Those circumstances were totally different," receiver Hines Ward said. "Millions of more people out on the field, a lot more credentials, but it was definitely a great experience. A great memory for me, playing the Super Bowl in Detroit. This week is nothing compared to the Super Bowl."

The Lions can only dream of playing in the Super Bowl because the last time they won an NFL title, back in 1957, the league's signature game didn't yet have its iconic name.

Kicker Jason Hanson, who has played for Detroit since he was drafted in 1992, is cautiously optimistic the franchise finally is headed in the right direction after becoming the NFL's first 0-16 team last season and losing 100 games since 2001.

"I've heard some anger, which is good," Hanson said. "It's a new mix of guys from Larry to the coaches, so it has a different feel. But you've got to win, or I know where it goes."

Win or lose, Foote expects the Steelers to have another successful season because the storied franchise is led by Dan Rooney and his son, Art Rooney II.

"They have the right people at the top of the chain, making the right decisions," Foote said. "It's a Class A organization and it starts with the Rooneys."

PITTSBURGH (2-2) at DETROIT (1-3)
1 p.m., CBS

OPENING LINE — Steelers by 12
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Steelers 1-3; Lions 1-3
SERIES RECORD — Tied 14-14-1
LAST MEETING — Steelers beat Lions 35-21, Jan. 1, 2006
LAST WEEK — Steelers beat Chargers 38-28; Lions lost to Bears 48-24
STEELERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (16), PASS (3)
STEELERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (3), PASS (15)
LIONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (18T), PASS (17)
LIONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (20) PASS (25)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Steelers have won 10 of last 12 games against Lions, falling in regular-season matchup in OT after controversial coin flip in 1998 Thanksgiving game. ... At Detroit's Ford Field, Pittsburgh beat Seattle to win Super Bowl in 2006. ... Ben Roethlisberger made pro debut in 2004 exhibition game at Ford Field, which is 45-minute drive from the Big House, where QB played his first college game in 2001 for Miami (Ohio) against Michigan. ... Roethlisberger is 15-5 against NFC. ... RB Rashard Mendenhall ran for 165 yards on 29 carries, filling in for injured Willie Parker. ... Since 2008, LB James Harrison is tied with Joey Porter for second in NFL with 19 sacks — one fewer than DeMarcus Ware. ... Lions QB Matthew Stafford injured right knee last week and didn't practice Wednesday or Thursday, likely leading to Daunte Culpepper making first start of season. ... LB Larry Foote faces team he played for past seven seasons before being cut and signed by his hometown team.

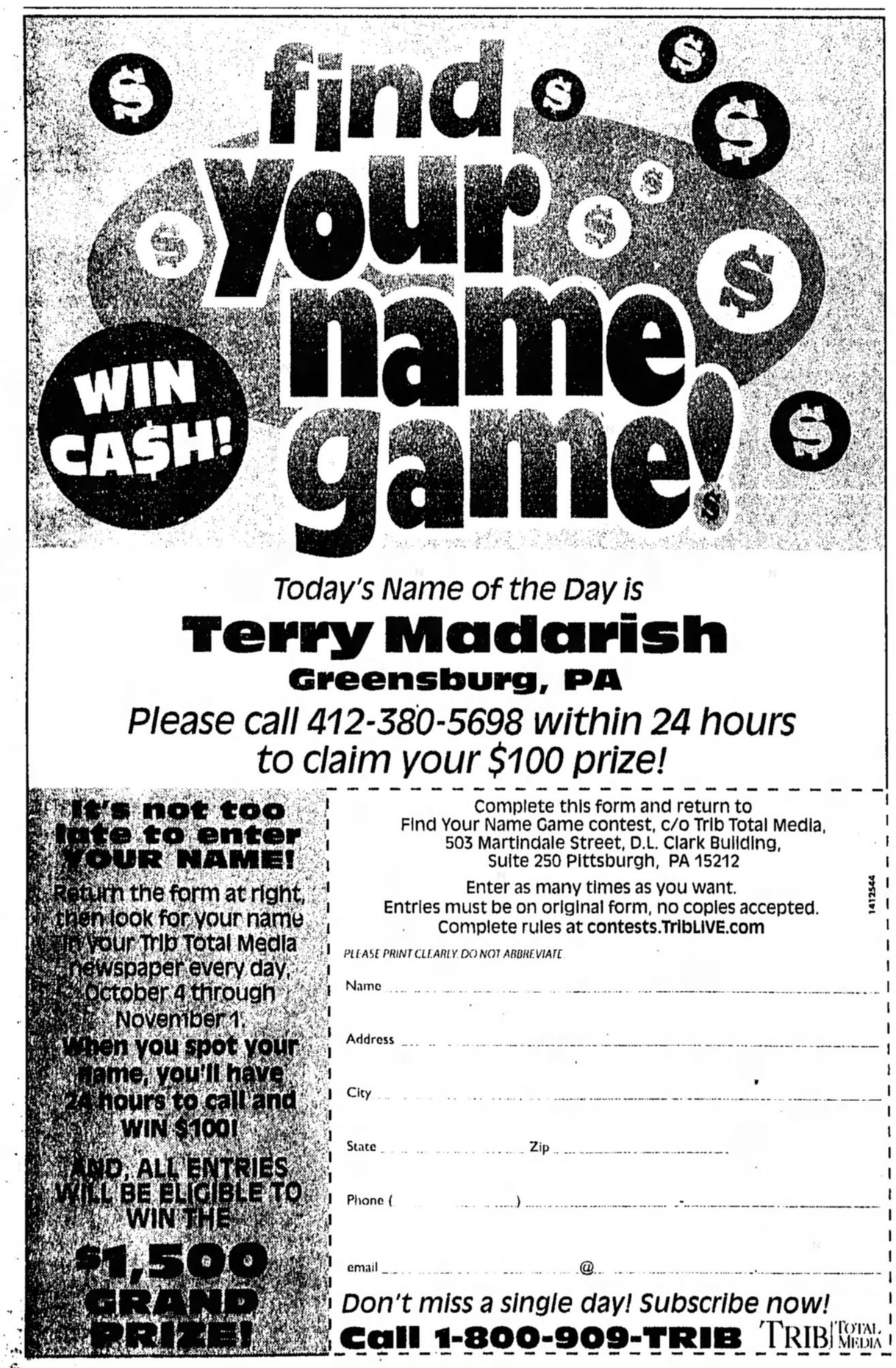
Polamalu not expected to play in Detroit

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu practiced only lightly for the third day in a row and is not expected to play Sunday in Detroit.

Polamalu, a five-time Pro Bowl player, has not played since tearing the medial collateral ligament in his left knee Sept. 10 against Tennessee. He was on the field Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but did not take part in a full practice.

A player returning from an injury usually must go through at least one full practice before the Steelers will play him. Polamalu could play against the Browns on Oct. 18.

Running back Willie Parker (left toe) was held out for the third consecutive day Friday and will not play in Detroit. He also missed the Steelers' 38-28 victory over San Diego last Sunday, when replacement Rashard Mendenhall ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns.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International team stays close in President's Cup

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mike Weir kept seeing American red on the scoreboard Friday, a familiar portrait at this Presidents Cup.

Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker were dominant in a different format, winning so handily that they were the last match to tee off and among the first to finish. Phil Mickelson had a different partner and got the same result, closing out his match before reaching the 17th tee.

For the second straight day, the Americans were poised to take a comfortable lead.

Thanks to a superb fairway metal from Weir, a clutch putt for eagle on the final hole by Tim Clark and another late rally by the International team, this Presidents Cup is far from over.

The Americans were ahead in five of six matches at some point on the back nine. The fourballs sessions wound up in a draw, the teams splitting the six matches. The American lead remained one point, 6 1/2-5 1/2.

"We watched the board a little bit and we knew all the of matches were within or two, except for a couple of them, so we knew if we could turn it around ... there's still a lot of golf to play," Weir said.

Weir and Ernie Els won the final three holes for a 2-up victory over Jim Furyk and Anthony Kim, the clinching shot by Weir from the base of the bleachers and onto the green at the par-5 18th for an eagle that was conceded.

"That was one of the better ones I've hit in a long time," Weir said.

Clark rolled in a 15-foot eagle as he and Singh won the last two holes for a 1-up victory over Lucas Glover and Stewart Cink.

Of the five matches that have gone the distance, the International team has picked up 3 1/2 points.

The International team still doesn't have an answer for the Americans' best three players, though.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Baltimore edged Pittsburgh, 5-4, in the first game of the World Series.

Don Asmonga was retained as Belle Vernon Area High boys' basketball coach at a salary of $2,500 with George Estok and Andy Kasic as assistants.

20 Years Ago

Jason Ruttenberg and J.L. Gorsin scored goals in Ringgold's 2-0 win over Charleroi.

Jake Coneybeer, Ryan Gargan and Mike Posey scored goals in Belle Vernon Area's 3-2 double overtime win over Elizabeth Forward.

10 Years Ago

Doug Flutie threw three touchdown passes in Buffalo's 24-21 win over Pittsburgh.

Bill **HUGHES**

Y2J making tag titles important

Long gone are the days of tag team championships meaning a lot.

In the heyday of tag team wrestling, the NWA had teams like Arn Anderson and Tully Blanchard, the Rock and Roll Express, the Midnight Express, the Road Warriors and the Fabulous Freebirds while the WWF had the Hart Foundation, the British Bulldogs, Demolition, the Rockers and the Killer Bees.

Just how far has the presitge of tag team titles fallen?

Only once in the last five WrestleManias has either the WWE or World tag team titles been defended.

The importance and prestige of tag team titles has slowly waned over time, but has the work of one man begun an upswing?

Since his return to the WWE almost two years ago, Chris Jericho has been nothing short of golden for the company.

In fact, he has arguably been the MVP of professional wrestling in 2008 and 2009. It was his feuds over the Intercontinental title from parts of both years that has given that title a much-needed resurgence.

Jericho won the undisputed tag team titles with Edge when they defeated the Colons and Legacy in a triple threat match at The Bash, but Edge tore his Achilles tendon shortly after and was replaced by the Big Show. Jericho and Edge were going to have a long reign with the titles and eventually feud into WrestleMania 26.

But now that Jericho has helped make fans care about the titles again, here comes Triple H and Shawn Michaels to feud with them.

Chances are, D-X will win the titles, which would put them on Raw and Smackdown. That wouldn't exactly be a bad thing though as the WWE would be stupid to not run an eventual rematch between Michaels and the Undertaker.

With HBK on Raw and Taker on Smackdown, it is a little harder to write the storyline.

But with Jericho, it could be argued now that he has single-handedly made fans care about two different titles that no one has given much thought to, including the WWE writers, in well over 10 years.

So how has Jericho done it? For one, he has creative input on what he does and he writes all of his promos, unlike most WWE wrestlers who are told what to say.

Other wrestlers, like Hulk Hogan, Triple H and Kevin Nash, have had creative control over themselves, and they were always on top. But with Jericho, he realizes that it truly isn't about wins and losses.

He knows that he doesn't have to be the WWE or World champion three or four times a year.

And maybe that is part of the reason why Jericho can make fans care about secondary titles.

Jericho is a record nine-time Intercontinental champion and five-time tag team champion. But he doesn't think he is above those titles, like some other wrestlers.

Without question it can be said that Jericho does what is best for the WWE and not for himself.

He realizes that it truly isn't all about just him.

Booker T leaving TNA

It appears that Booker T's TNA days may be numbered. The long-time star in WCW, WWE and TNA has been at a difference of opinion with TNA as of late, ar d his last match could be as soon as the Bound For Glory PPV next Sunday.

FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■ Belle Vernon Blast Off 2009 cheerleading competition, BVA High School gym.

■ Spaghetti and ravioli dinner, St. Anne Parish, Rostraver Township, noon to 4 p.m.

■ World Fair Trade Association sale (featuring chocolates, coffee, jewelry and more) Lynnwood Lutheran Church, 900 Washington Road, Washington Township, noon.

■ Gospel music celebration featuring The Ceres, Char-Belle Free Methodist Church, Arch and Speer streets, Belle Vernon, 10 a.m.

■ Native American Day Gathering, Cedar Creek Park, Rostraver Township, 10 a.m.

■ Grocery bingo, Holy Ghost Social Center, Ninth Street and Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, 1:30 p.m.

Monday

■ Bazaar, Bethel AME Church, 700 West Main St., Monongahela, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ American Legion Post 302, Monongahela, meeting, at James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township, 7:30 p.m.

■ Book sale begins, Monessen Public Library and District Center, during library hours.

■ Charleroi Middle/Elementary PTA meeting, elementary cafeteria, 7 p.m.

■ Oldies dance, sponsored by Parents Without Partners South Hills Chapter 278, Royal Place Restaurant, 2660 Library Road, Route 88, Pittsburgh, 8 to 11:30 p.m.

■ Belle Vernon Borough Council meeting, borough building, 7 p.m.

■ Showboat practice, Monongahela Senior Center, 6 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■ VFW Post 1409, Monongahela, meeting, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Fundraiser set in Donora

The Mon Valley Youth and Teen Association Inc. will hold a Steelers game party and fundraiser Sunday at the Donora Borough Building, Sixth Street and Meldon Avenue. Proceeds of the event will benefit the teen association and F.O.E. 502 Eagles. The Steelers vs. Detroit Lions game will be broadcast live. There will be free food, refreshments, prizes and more. Doors open at noon. Tickets are available at the center, 538 McKean Ave., (724) 379-4889 or at the F.O.E. Eagles, (724) 379-5337.

Corning retirees plan meeting

A Corning/World Kitchen Retirees' meeting will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Place, Charleroi.

Monongahela Chamber to meet

The Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting will be held noon Tuesday at Hill's restaurant in New Eagle. Joe Kirk, executive director of the Mon Valley Progress Council, will explain the impact to local businesses of being included in the Progress Council's recently secured state designation of a Mid Mon Valley Enterprise Zone. Reservations should be made by Monday at (724) 258-5919.

Outdoor classroom planned at Mingo

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a "Color Crazy" home school outdoor classroom Thursday at shelter 6 of Mingo Creek County Park. Sessions will be available at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Students will search for fall foliage and colorful wildlife found in the park, create wild animal art projects and take part in a color crazy hike. The program is designed for elementary age home-schooled children. Pre-register at (724) 228-6867. There is no fee.

Work Together meeting planned

The next Work Together Monessen meeting will be held Thursday at the Dr. Dudas building. Light snacks will be available at 6 p.m.; the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to jisileo@yahoo.com.

Radio club plans meeting

The Monessen Amateur Radio Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, fourth floor.

Tri County Borough Association to meet

The October meeting of the Tri County Borough Association will take place 7 p.m. Thursday at the West Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 238 Middle St. Benita Johnson, partnership specialist, Philadelphia Regional Census Center, will be guest speaker.

Take My Hand group to meet

A Take My Hand Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Monongahela Area Library, 813 West Main St. Use the rear door by the railroad tracks. The group meets the third Thursday of each month and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and needs comfort and support. For information, call Maureen Lusk at (724) 258-8855 or Pam Ridge at (724) 483-4109.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: A equals Y

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Rostraver High School Class of 1964

Rostraver High School Class of 1964 celebrated its 45th reunion with a weekend of activities in August. On Aug. 14, class President Bill Blick welcomed 41 classmates and 23 guests to the dinner at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township. Susan Naylor Torlone offered the invocation. After dinner Freda Chapman Allen remembered the 12 deceased classmates with a memoriam reading. Twelve classmates placed a carnation in a vase as the names were read.

Emcees Blick and Jim Nescot introduced the classmates and their guests. A treat bag of "penny candy" given to each classmate was a fun way to reminisce about elementary school days. Judy Todd Kipp found the $45 door prize hidden in her treat bag. All classmates received a program directory and a group picture.

DJ "Zany Zels" (Mick Zelmore) provided music from the 50's and 60's throughout the evening. The festivities concluded with the singing of the alma mater.

On Saturday afternoon classmates and families met at Cedar Creek Park for a catered picnic. Fifty-seven people enjoyed the day renewing friendships.

The reunion activities concluded Sunday morning with 27 people attending a brunch at the Clubhouse Grille at Cedarbrook Golf Course.

The reunion committee included Freda Chapman Allen, Patti Guzzie Tonarelli-Bigi, Blick, Linda Hommey Blick, Larry Popinchalk Collins, Kathy Bowers Kirsch, Jim Nescot, Beverly Rosnick and Patty Nichols Watson.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Mon Vale Health Resources Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of Mon Vale Health Resources opened its September 14 meeting with President Maureen Lusk conducting the meeting. Everyone joined in the flag pledge.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, correspondence both incoming and outgoing, and reports from the officers present were given.

After the officers finished their reports, each respective Auxilian chairman was asked for updated information on their respective committee, which they gave.

This was followed in more detail by Chairman Dorothy Paterline, ways and means. She then mentioned upcoming events as follows: Oct. 23, Allie's Tea House; Oct. 26, Rivers Casino. In addition to what Dorothy mentioned, Lil Nard, ways and means, went into more details on the Casino trip.

Amy Brown introduced two new Auxilians for membership: Ann Wentz and Nancy Eckert.

Refreshments were served by Marie Blatnik, Tina Damico, Dolly Gaudio, and Edwina Valdiserri.

The next general membership meeting is scheduled Monday at the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. Refreshments will be available at noon.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

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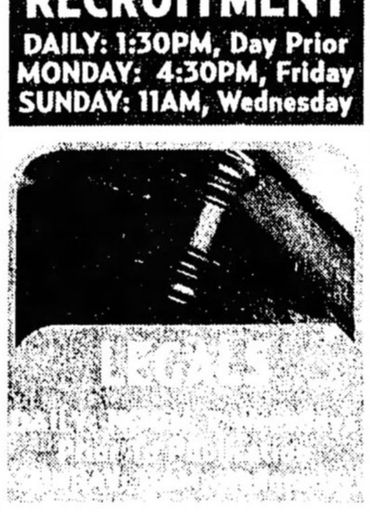

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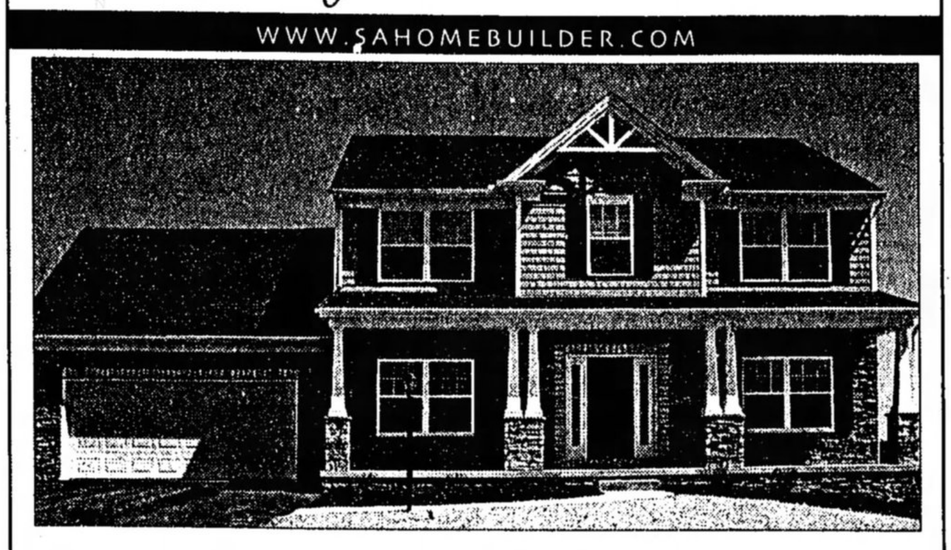

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10/10,17,24

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5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

BELLE VERNON Sat., Oct. 10 & Sat., Oct. 17, 9-4. 121 Lee Dr. Last chance Home Interiors candles & access. Cash & Carry.

BELLE VERNON Multi Family. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Oct. 9,10,11, 8-5. 917 Alice St., Wash Heights. Misc. items.

CLOVER HILL Community Sale South California Dr. & Woodland Rd., 2nd right after BP on Rt. 481. Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10 & 11, 8-?

DAISYTOWN/ COAL CENTER 20+ locations Woodland Rd. & Locust Rd. Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10 & 11, 9-2pm. From 70W, 3½ miles from Lover on 481; from 70E, 4 miles from Centerville Exit on 481. 724-263-8110 for directions.

DONORA Indoor/ Outdoor Sat., Oct. 10, 9-5. 948 Meldon Ave. near Donora Webster Bridge. Baby items, etc

DONORA Moving Sell bedroom set, mangle, furniture, televisions, Christmas trim & tree, porch furniture, something for everyone. Oct. 10 & 11, 9am-3pm. 1038 McKean Ave.

FALLOWFIELD TWP. Multi Family, 5 Stevens Way, directly behind firehall. Sat., Oct. 10, 9-2. Rain or shine.

FAYETTE CITY Moving Sale, 307 Main St. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Oct. 9, 10 & 11, 7am-4pm. Many various items.

MONESSEN- 16 Rex Blvd., around back. Sun., Oct. 11, 8-2pm. Clothes, tools, household, misc.

MONESSEN- Multi Family, 2034 Grand Blvd. Sat., Oct. 10, 8-3pm. Household & children's items.

MONESSEN Indoor Sale at AJ's Tanning, 109 6th St. Multi Family. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 9 & 10, 10-3pm. 724-684-8088.

MONESSEN Estate Sale 354 Balazia Ave. Sun., Oct. 11, 8-3. Furniture, glassware, collectibles, household items, linens. Everything must go. No early-birds.

PERRYOPOLIS Estate Sale, 3765 Pittsburgh Rd. (Rt. 51 by Marcel's Pottery). Sat., Oct. 10, 9-3. Furniture & misc.

ROSTRAVER 105 Ray Dr. Clothes, women plus, girls (many Gymboree), designer purses & shoes, bedding, holiday decor, Meade Telescope, poker table top w/playing access., toys, books, entertainment center, luggage, PS2 games, etc. From Belle Vernon 201N, right at St. Anne's, left on Ray Dr. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 9 & 10, 9am-?

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Your Birthday
SUNDAY, OCT. 11, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

In the year ahead, you should be able to mix business and pleasure more effectively than ever before, with the far-more-favorable results. It all works because it fits your personality perfectly.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Something of a positive nature that has been stirring behind the scenes for quite some time could suddenly emerge. It'll prove to be beneficial both professionally and socially.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Even though this might be a day of rest, you're not likely to feel fulfilled unless you have a busy agenda on the calendar. Make sure that you have lots of activities planned.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Don't be surprised if you find yourself needing some complex targets to shoot for. The more significant an objective is, the better you'll like it and the more satisfying the results will be.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Involve yourself in conversations with as many smart people as you can, because valuable information can be derived from simple comments. Draw out those who fit this bill.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Even though you might be socializing with friends, you're likely to hear about a new channel of earnings from an unexpected source.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- When ironing out an agreement with a friend, be as liberal with the terms as possible because it should encourage your pal to act similarly. If he or she doesn't, back out of the deal.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Conditions are favorable for finalizing things you've had on the back burner for some time. Use the aspects wisely, and clear up both big and small situations.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- This is an excellent day to introduce some new acquaintances to a few of your old buddies. Each will have much to offer in bringing new blood into each other's lives.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Your chances for material gratification look exceptionally good. Even though this might not be a workday for you, there will be all kinds of other sources you can tap into.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Family and friends will automatically look to you for their cues as to what's going on. Whether you like it or not, you're perceived as the catalyst who knows what everyone likes.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Even though conditions might be a bit unpredictable, they should work out quite well. Much of this will be due to finding yourself in the right spot at the right time.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Without any plans, you could find yourself discussing your hopes and desires with someone who will have much to offer in the way of getting you started toward your goals.

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